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GERMAN FORCES REACH BRITISH DEFENCE LINES

DRAMATIC STORY OF CAPTURE

The story of the capture of Lt.-Gen. P. Neame, V.C., and Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard O'Connor was told yesterday by informed quarters in Cairo, who revealed they were captured in the course of a military "hold-up" by armed German motorcyclists off the main Derna road shortly before midnight on Friday last week.

Staff cars with the two generals and two senior staff officers had left for their new headquarters further east but were not following the main Derna road, along which demolition work was in progress.

They took to a desert by-pass where they came upon a stationary British convoy with some lorries. The staff cars were trying to thread their way through the stationary vehicles when a German patrol on motor-cycles and side-cars, heading from El Meghelli in the moonlight, took the staff cars by surprise.

Guard Shot

A British soldier who was an eye-witness of the incident says a German soldier armed with a Tommy-gun approached the stationary staff car and told the generals to alight.

A Tommy nearby challenged the German, who shot him. The generals had to surrender.

The distinctly bad luck which resulted in the capture of the generals is shown by the fact that another staff car, with their aides, drove on the Derna road and reached H.Q. safely.

Major-General A. D. Gambier-Perry was taken prisoner in the course of the battle at El Meghelli, in which the British took some German prisoners.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI ABDUCTION

THE ADVERTISING MANAGER OF THE AMERICAN-OWNED CHINESE "SHUN PAO," MR. SAUNG MOU-HOO, WAS KIDNAPPED SHORTLY BEFORE DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY BY THREE CHINESE, ONE OF WHOM WAS ARMED.

This brings the total Chinese newspapermen kidnapped in the last week to 15, three of whom were on the "Shun Pao," three the "National Herald" and nine the "Cheng Yen Pao."—Reuter.

BELGRADE AGAIN BOMBED

Belgrade was again attacked by low-flying German bombers yesterday, states a Belgrade despatch to the Vichy news agency.—Reuter.

British Troops Arrive

British forces are arriving daily and with steadily increasing numbers in the Western Desert.

The reinforcement will undoubtedly be larger now after the recent brilliant British victories in East Africa.

These statements were made by the Egyptian Prime Minister, Hussein Sirry Pasha.

He said he had already recently declared that the Spring would be full of events and "we must be ready to face the gravest situation."—Reuter.

Battle Starts On Greek North Front

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN ATHENS LAST NIGHT THAT BRITISH FORCES CONTACTED THE GERMAN TROOPS MOVING INTO NORTHERN GREECE ON THURSDAY.

First news that British and German troops have met was contained in a terse communique issued by British Headquarters in Greece. The communique said: "German troops advancing into northern Greece contacted British and Imperial forces on Thursday."

While it is not yet stated where the fighting between British and German troops occurred, it is reported that the Germans have reached Yarnitsa, about 50 miles west of Salonika, and have also captured Monastir, in southern Yugoslavia.

This thrust has brought General List's armoured forces to the head of the famous Monastir Gap, leading from Yugoslavia into Greece.

IT IS RELIABLY REPORTED THAT THE GERMANS IN CAPTURING MONASTIR SUFFERED A TERRIFIC ONSLAUGHT FROM LOW-FLYING R.A.F. BOMBERS WHO SMASHED UP COLUMNS OF TANKS AND ARMoured VEHICLES AND INFLICTED VERY SEVERE CASUALTIES.

Meanwhile Rome announces that an Italian army advancing from Italy into the extreme north-west of Yugoslavia is making progress in the valleys of the Rivers Sava and Ljubljana. (Continued on Page 16)

R.A.F. HELL-DIVERS CREATE HAVOC IN GERMAN COLUMNS

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the British Forces in Greece)

HELL-DIVING THROUGH sleet and cloud, British fighter planes, their wings appearing to scrape the rocky sides of the ravines, are swooping low over German columns the length and breadth of the Balkan fronts, machine-gunning and bombing.

Day and night Greek aerodromes resound to the roar of bomber engines as relays of R.A.F. bombers fly in to fill their patrol tanks and bomb racks and take off again to play havoc with Nazi troop concentrations.

Columns of German tanks and armoured vehicles were broken up with heavy casualties when the Nazis captured Monastir (Bitolj) in southern Yugoslavia, it is reliably reported.

Sixteen miles south of this, vital communication arteries in the Florina area were heavily plastered. Troops trying to dash a way through the Greek lines near the Yugoslav frontier suffered terrific punishment.

ment. British aircraft are also bombing enemy columns pushing cross country towards Albania.

Non-stop patrols over the mountainous regions of the front are being maintained jointly with Greek aircraft and they are ceaselessly machine-gunning German troops and bringing back vital information concerning the enemy dispositions.

The military situation at present is causing a certain apprehension among the Greek population but the R.A.F. are dealing with German dive-bombers and this constant vigilance is giving them encouragement and new faith.—Reuter.

TERRIFIC DAMAGE IN BERLIN

The R.A.F. on Berlin on Wednesday night is described as the heaviest yet experienced in the Nazi capital and damage, especially in Unter den Linden, was "terrific."

This is according to neutral correspondents in Berlin, whose messages have been received in London via Zurich.

The Government district and three residential quarters also suffered severely, it is added, while the main railway station was completely burned out.

All fire brigades in Berlin were active throughout the night and continued to work until noon on Thursday.

CORRESPONDENTS ESTIMATE CASUALTIES AS AT LEAST 2,000, POSSIBLY 3,000.—REUTER.

NEUTRALITY ACT DECLARATION

A state of war exists between Yugoslavia on the one hand and Italy and Germany on the other, proclaimed President Roosevelt yesterday.

This is a necessary prelude to invoking the restrictions of the United States Neutrality Act, which already applies to Germany, Italy and Greece. They now apply to Yugoslavia.—Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

Germans Suffer Heavily In Reckless Greek Offensive

Losses Out-Weigh Advances Of Nazi Panzer Divisions

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A GREEK COMMUNIQUE CLAIMS THAT GERMAN ADVANCES IN GREECE HAVE BEEN MORE THAN OFFSET BY TERRIFIC NAZI LOSSES IN THEIR RECKLESS AND COSTLY MULTIPLE OFFENSIVE. STIFF GREEK RESISTANCE CONTINUES ON ALL FRONTS.

Greek military sources minimise the loss of Salonika. They said the Greek army in east Macedonia is still fighting, though cut off, and insisted that a real decision will be reached on battlefields deeper within Greece.

German planes have launched heavy raids on Piraeus, the port of Athens and other Greek harbours.

When the Germans broke through the Metaxas Line and across the Greek-Yugoslav frontier, Nazi losses "were of much greater importance than the advance of German armoured columns.

"The war goes on. It will continue to go on. We know how to fight. We will not be influenced by unfavourable turns." International News Service

Nazi Claims

A German High Command communique claims that German troops advancing from Syria have occupied Manbij.

Armoured units and infantry divisions, after occupying the junction of Nish, pursued the retreating enemy.

In advancing towards the Albanian frontier after crossing the Vardar River, Tetova and Prilep were taken.

In addition to 20,000 prisoners, about 100 guns and several hundred machine-guns, as well as large supplies of petrol, ammunition and other material, were captured.

In Yugoslavia, dive-bombers attacked roads and railways successfully.

Armoured units advancing from Yugoslavia down the Vardar Valley reached and occupied Salonika. Troops further east broke through the Metaxas Line and on occupying Xanthi reached the Aegean Sea.

Greek forces east of Vardar were completely cut off, and are alleged to have capitulated. —Reuter.

Confidence In Athens

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Greece will fight "until final victory," says a Greek communique issued in Athens.

It adds: "The Germans have suffered terrific losses which have more than offset their advances."

It is declared that the Greek troops isolated in Thrace are still fighting. Their number is unknown but is believed to be comparatively small.

New Puppet State

A proclamation has been issued in Berlin claiming the fall of Zagreb and announcing the formation of an independent Croat State.

General Sladko Kvaternik declared himself head of state in a broadcast from Zagreb radio.

Main Line Intact

Athens radio claims that the rearguard in Macedonia escaped in orderly fashion and that the main Greek defence line is still intact. —International News Service.

Zagreb Taken

The German High Command claims that German armoured

troops have entered Zagreb, capital of Croatia.

The Yugoslavs, meanwhile, have evacuated their northern frontier, says a Budapest despatch to the Vichy agency.

A wide tract of territory in the Murakoos region has been abandoned and the railway tracks torn up near Fejervik.

German troops are now occupying the evacuated territory and are re-establishing rail communication. —Reuter.

CHINESE MUSEUM IN YORKSHIRE

Evidencing the British school authorities' deep interest in the China Campaign Committee's New China Study Course, a plan is on foot for the opening of a Chinese museum for children in a Yorkshire school.

British school teachers welcome the prize essay competition about China among school children sponsored by the China Campaign Committee. The most encouraging sign, it is felt, is that the younger English generations' appreciation and understanding of China and the Chinese people will be conducive to closer Chinese-British understanding, friendship and cooperation in the future.

The China Campaign Committee proposes to send copies of the essays to China as a means of communication between British and Chinese children. —Central News.

THAILAND EXPORTS OF RICE

Immediate effect of the Burma Government control of rice exports from Thailand is that shipments are permissible under licence.

It is explained in Bangkok that the measure is necessitated by the heavy demands of foreign buyers. Only the normal surplus is available for export and the control is intended as a safeguard against a shortage of rice for home consumption, rice being the staple food of the country.

Control is temporary pending the harvest at the end of 1941. Of the new crop, the amount of rice

FIELD-DAY FOR HURRICANES IN NORTH AFRICA

THE STORY OF THE destruction of more than 30 enemy aircraft in Cyrenaica last week is told in an Air Ministry bulletin. Most of them were shot down and the remainder destroyed by ground strafing.

KOWLOON CITY TEASHOP MURDER

Said to have been unable to pay a 11-cent bill at a teashop at No. 7, Cheung On Street, Kowloon City, early yesterday morning, a Chinese customer was alleged to have been beaten to death by some of the foks employed in the teashop.

The body of the man was found lying in a lane behind the teashop and was removed to the Kowloon Mortuary. Following investigations, the Police detained four of the foks.

It is alleged that deceased was taken to the back of the teashop, tied to a drain-pipe and then beaten until blood began to flow from his mouth and he became unconscious. He was then thrown into the lane.

SIBERIAN RAILWAY TRAFFIC

"Smooth traffic via the Siberian route is being sought by the Japanese Government, in close touch with Germany," the Japanese Railways Minister stated yesterday.

He pointed out the increasing importance of the Siberian route for communications between Japan, Germany and Italy and other European countries, due to the prevailing international situation. —Reuter.

HEMINGWAY IN CHENG TU

Mr. Ernest Hemingway, noted American journalist-author and roving correspondent for the New York newspaper P.M., arrived in Chengtu by plane from Chungking. He was accompanied by Dr. Hsia Ching-hsiung, personal representative of Dr. H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan and Minister of Finance. —Central News.

available for export during the current season is estimated at 1,500,000 metric tons, leading buyers being Malaya and Hong Kong. —Reuter.

NOTHING TO REPORT!

"Nothing of import on Italian East Africa," stated yesterday's Italian communique blandly, and in London the comment is offered "Nothing, that is to say, or the fact that East Africa is no longer Italian!" —Reuter.

VERSATILE MILITARY QUALITIES

Broadcasting on his return from the Middle East, the Nawab of Bhopal said what struck him most was the "extraordinary versatility of the military qualities of the Indian troops."

This was evidenced by their achievements in the desert plains at Sidi Barrani and on almost impregnable hill-tops at Keren.

The Nawab also paid a tribute to the powers of adaptability to conditions shown by the troops, and expressed pride in their behaviour towards the civil population.

Arrangements for the care of sick and wounded were perfect and rations were good and adequate. Provision of aeroplane ambulances for the removal of serious cases to base hospitals would be much appreciated, and he hoped to present two of such to the authorities.

In conclusion he appealed to all classes in India to draw strength from what the U.S.A., Greece and Yugoslavia had contributed to the cause and redouble the efforts for freedom and honour. —Reuter.

MR. QUO'S FAREWELL LUNCHEON

A FAREWELL LUNCHEON IN HONOUR OF THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, WAS GIVEN BY AMBASSADOR QUO TAI-CHI AT THE CHINESE EMBASSY.

Among guests present were Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. John Wihant, American Ambassador to Great Britain, Viscount Cranborne, Dominions Secretary, Sir Alexander Hardinge, private secretary to the King, Mr. S. M. Bruce, High Commissioner to Australia, Mr. W. J. Jordan, High Commissioner to New Zealand, Mr. J. H. Peck, private secretary to the Prime Minister, and Lord Desborough. —Central News.

U.S. SUPPLIES TO EGYPT DIRECT

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT yesterday reopened the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea to American shipping.

Making the announcement at his press conference the President said American vessels would be permitted to go the whole way through the Red Sea to the Suez Canal, since Egypt was neutral.

The U.S. Government, he said, would not explore the question of whether supplies consigned to a neutral might ultimately reach a belligerent.

He okayed United States shipping's use of the Suez Canal.

Challenged in regard to the use of Port Said (the Mediterranean remains a combat zone), the President said he was not sure but certainly Ismailia, in the middle of Suez, was not a combat area.

Shipping circles believe that the 69 Italian, German and Danish ships seized in American ports will be used to rush supplies to Egypt via the Red Sea. —Reuter.

TRAIN MINED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Many were killed and injured when a train travelling between Kashing and Hangchow on the Shanghai-Hangchow Line was wrecked by a mine on Wednesday, according to belated reports reaching Shanghai yesterday. —Our Own Correspondent.

SAFEGUARD FOR FEVER VICTIMS

You are not finished with fever when your temperature has gone down. Your body is undermined and not till you have built it up are you really out of danger.

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POSITION IS NOT DESPERATE

London Summing Up Of Fighting In The Balkans

R.A.F. 'Planes Restoring The Balance

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

ALTHOUGH GERMAN successes in Macedonia are very considerable they are neither as complete nor as extensive as German claims make out.

The situation of the Greek troops east of Vardar is doubtless very serious but by alleging they have already surrendered (which the Greeks deny) the Germans obviously hope to restrain any attempt at rescue or reinforcement.

Hitler Among Doomed

Raymond Clapper, writing in the "New York World-Telegram," declares these are Hitler's crucial days, and this a year in which it will be decided whether he will be victor or vanquished.

But he is already among the doomed. Not even a military victory can save him because an oppressor never wins an enduring victory.

It is important we keep this always in mind. Because the presence of the spirit of freedom, silently waging war against Hitler night and day, never sleeping and never tiring, is one of the mighty elements of this war.

It has kept England from defeat, it will keep Hitler from victory.—Reuter.

COVENTRY AND BRUM ATTACKED

The German attacks on Britain on Thursday night were varied, many parts of the country being visited.

The main targets were Coventry and Birmingham.

Ten enemy raiders were brought down, nine by our fighters and one by anti-aircraft fire.

This brings the total of enemy aircraft destroyed during the last four nights to 38, which is more than the total brought down in the first three months of the year at night.

There was slight enemy activity over the south-east coast yesterday but no bombs were dropped.—Reuter.

PRINCE EDWARD RD. ACCIDENT

Falling from the verandah of No. 293, Prince Edward Road, first floor, at 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, six-year-old Oleg Tomes was taken to the Kowloon Hospital by his father.

The boy was playing on the verandah alone when the accident occurred.

He sustained injuries to the head and it is feared that he fractured his skull. His condition last night was described as quite serious.

BERLIN'S BOASTERS AT WORK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

German boastings have reached a new high, latest being a statement that "we give the Yugoslavs and Greeks, and the British in North Africa, a maximum of two weeks' resistance."

German sources, however, admit the Nazi troops are faced with "a hard drive."

The Germans are claiming that 80,000 Greeks trapped in Thrace have been captured. The final total, they add, may be 100,000.

Nazi quarters declared "a new surprise is brewing, which will seal the fate of Yugoslavia before Easter, and the Greeks and the British in North Africa will collapse sooner than it took to subjugate Poland." International News Service.

Similarly the German suggestion that the Yugoslavs are already cut off from the Greeks and are faced with a junction of Italian and German forces in Albania, is for the moment still wishful thinking and is intended to influence the plans of the Yugoslav High Command.

According to information reaching Yugoslav quarters in London the position is not desperate, although undoubtedly very menacing.

The Germans made their lateral thrust from Bulgaria with very heavily armoured forces but their numbers were not very great.

Superior Equipment

It was entirely due to their superiority in equipment that they were able to cut through the Serbian lines.

Apparently they are using a new type of tank, which is not only mobile in bad terrain but is so heavily armoured that ordinary rifle or Bren gun bullets make no more impression than pellets from a pea-shooter, while the Yugoslavs were almost without anti-tank guns and were exposed to a withering fire against which they were quite powerless.

Only thing that can restore the balance will be adequate numbers of bombers, and R.A.F. reports from Athens indicate that British planes are already doing yeoman service in this respect.

Swift Advance

The momentum of the German attack led to an advance to a much greater depth and more quickly than seemed possible in the circumstances.

It is noteworthy that the Germans are advancing much more slowly in the north, probably because they hope their successes in the south and the methods of frightfulness at Belgrade may foster a spirit of defeatism in the Yugoslav ranks. In the last war, however, with conditions even more unpromising, the Yugoslavs never lost heart or gave up the struggle.—Reuter.

INDIAN TROOPS PRAISED

The Viceroy of India, in a message to General Wavell, says: "Convey to the Indian troops in Eritrea my heartfelt congratulations on the capture of Massawa, as a climax to an arduous and brilliant campaign in which they fought so well, maintaining the most glorious traditions of the Indian Army. This is heartening news for their comrades-in-arms on all battlefronts, and we in India are proud of their splendid achievement."—Reuter.

NEW MINISTERS APPOINTED

An early announcement of an exchange of Ministers between China and Australia is expected in Chungking.

It is reported that the Chinese and Australian Ministers have already been decided and are at present awaiting confirmation by the two Governments.—Reuter.

BULGARIAN TROOPS LEAVE THE FRONTIER

Bulgarian troops have withdrawn from the Turkish frontier, according to an announcement on Ankara radio last night.

The announcement quoted "well-informed Berlin circles." — Reuter.

ANGLO-JAPANESE TALKS

Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador, called on Mr. Ohashi, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, yesterday and exchanged views regarding the international situation, particularly relating to Anglo-Japanese relations. — Reuter.

ANZAC TROOPS IN GREECE

"The people of Australia watch with the warmest admiration the struggle of the Greek people in the cause of freedom," declared the Australian Premier, Mr. R. G. Menzies, broadcasting to the Greek people from London last night.

"History is full of evidence of the greatness of the Greek nation and the people of modern Greece are being true to their magnificent tradition."

"Concrete evidence of the close friendship that exists between Australia and Greece is the fact that to-day Australian soldiers are fighting side by side with their Greek comrades against Nazi aggression." — Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE DULLNESS

Attendance was thin and business on a small scale on the London Stock Exchange yesterday. Gilt-edged were maintained and foreign issues showed occasional losses. Price movements of industrials were narrow but on balance gains predominated. Wall Street was closed. — Reuter.

EXPLOSION IN SHANGHAI

The French Concession shook over a wide area on Thursday as a result of the explosion of a landmine in Hungjiao, which was set off by four Chinese labourers, all of whom were blown to pieces.

It is believed the mine was a relic of the 1937 Shanghai war.—Reuter.

HITLER'S BIGGEST DEFEAT THUS FAR IN THE WAR

WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS, columnist of the "New York World-Telegram," says that win, lose or draw the mere fact that Hitler has had to resort to armed intervention in Yugoslavia and Greece, constituted the Fuehrer's biggest defeat thus far in the war.

That seems to be the first of three outstanding impressions in Washington.

The second, perhaps equally important, is that this new development may lead the United States into the convoy business.

The third impression is that the new treaty of friendship and non-aggression hurriedly signed between Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union is another major setback for the Nazi Napoleon.

Convoys' Issue

The "New York Post" says now we must think about convoys again or about other methods of assuring that aid shall reach England, Yugoslavia and Greece.

We must not underestimate the importance of that decision. We cannot know how much weight our convoys would throw into the balance but there are indications they might tip the scales for freedom.

The New York "Daily News" declares that when and if Hitler gets to the Aegean arm of the Mediterranean and even if he slaughters the Yugoslavs and Greeks and drives the British to the sea, what has he gained?

Major Mistake

This lunge for more of the Mediterranean sea coast, when Hitler already has Italy and Sicily, puzzles us. What is the object? Where does he go from there if he ever gets there?

From this distance, and bearing in mind the fact that Hitler long ago expressed the opinion that fighting on two fronts lost the war for Germany in 1918, it looks as if Hitler has finally made a major mistake.

It looks to us as if the Spring of 1941 is not going to be nearly so brilliant for the Germans as the Spring of 1940—and as if the Allies' position is better to-day than at any previous moment since the war began.—Reuter.



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HUNGARY AS THE JACKAL

Hungarian troops are reported to have entered Yugoslavia.

Admiral Horthy, Regent of Hungary, in a proclamation yesterday, said Hungary greets the decision of the leaders of the people of Croatia to proclaim their independence.

He had given orders to his soldiers to "protect" the Hungarian minority in northern Yugoslavia.

After the fall of Zagreb, capital of Croatia, it is reported that the leaders of pro-Nazi Croats declared independence for Croatia.

The Hungarian troops entered near Horgos, south of Szeged, and are advancing in the direction of Zebotica, says a Hungarian news agency despatch.

Nazi troops which reached Zagreb and those which entered Yugoslavia from Maribor (Marburg) have joined each other, continues the despatch. It is also claimed the Germans have reached Lipik, in Croatia, 75 miles south-east of Zagreb.

It is understood in well-informed circles in Budapest that Hungary shortly will raise the status of the consulate at Zagreb to Legation status. Thus Hungary shortly will raise the status of the de jure recognition to so-called independent Croatia. Reuter

NORMANDIE MAY BE SEIZED

THE CRACK FRENCH LINER NORMANDIE IS AMONG 14 FRENCH VESSELS IN AMERICAN WATERS WHICH MAY BE TAKEN OVER BY THE UNITED STATES.

Seizure of these vessels is predicted by Administration leaders as one of the first steps following passage of legislation which President Roosevelt has requested for requisitioning idle foreign ships.

It is understood Congress will rush approval of the measure. Reuter.

ITALIAN AIR LINE FINED

THE ITALIAN AIR LINE WAS FINED AT RIO DE JANEIRO YESTERDAY FOR AN UNAUTHORIZED FLIGHT OVER BRAZILIAN TERRITORY EXCEEDING THE LEGAL MAXIMUM OF SEVEN HOURS AND WAS WARNED THE NEXT OFFENCE WOULD INVOLVE CANCELLATION OF THEIR LICENCE.

The Brazilian authorities described the flight as an infraction of Brazilian neutrality. Reuter.

CHIEF OF U.S. AIR CORPS BRITAIN-BOUND

Major-General H. H. Arnold, Chief of the United States Air Corps, left New York by the Dixie Clipper on Thursday for London. He will act as official observer there "for three or four weeks." Reuter.

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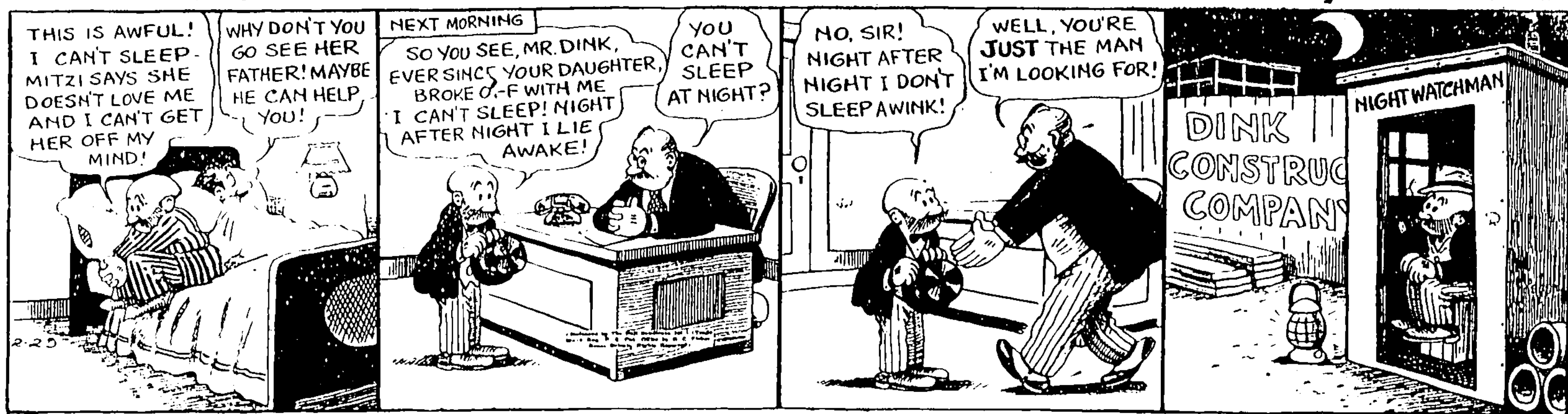
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Belgrade Populace Flees To The Hills

U.S. PACIFIC ACTIVITY

All U.S. Army transports have been diverted to move troops and supplies between the United States and overseas possessions and bases, it was disclosed by the War Department in Washington.

It was also revealed that a complete military censorship has been imposed at all overseas bases.

Mr. Robert Patterson, Under-Secretary for War, told reporters: "Our greater activity in Hawaii, the Philippines, the Canal Zone and the new Atlantic bases requires the full use of transport service vessels."

Twenty-six passenger and cargo ships are involved and in addition the War Department has chartered 10 freighters.—Reuter.

SURPRISED BY THE suddenness of the German attack, the populace of Belgrade fled to the hills, says the correspondent of the Vichy news agency in the first eye-witness account of the bombing of the Yugoslav capital.

Altogether 150 Dorniers and Junkers dive-bombers launched the attack, at 7.15 in the morning. The toll was heavy.

PRISONERS REACH SOUTH AFRICA

A batch of 1,500 Italian prisoners, mostly 20,000 who are still in Africa, has been accepted, were recently landed at a South African port. The new batch were sent inland to concentration camp for the duration of the war.

Those who saw the prisoners were surprised to find most of them were little more than boys, though there were some with ribbons of the Great War.—Reuter.

Terzije, the principle city square, was severely hit and victims were numerous. The municipal buildings caught fire and a pall of black smoke crept across the town.

The exodus began as soon as the second wave of raiders appeared at 9 o'clock. The central electricity supply was destroyed, the water supply upset and more fires broke out, notably in the industrial quarter.

Fighters and anti-aircraft gunners began to put up vigorous resistance. Between 11 am and 1 pm there was a period of calm and the departing population joined an uninterrupted stream on their way to the hills around the city.

A new onslaught followed, notably on the centre of the city, and not a single pane of glass was left intact.

Streets Destroyed

With one house in ten blazing, whole streets were soon destroyed. More raiders came over during the night, and the attack ended at 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon.

By then only a few thousand inhabitants were left. They had hidden in shelters and cellars. As night came on again the flames leaped from house to house and none could put them out as the water supply had failed.

Picture Of Desolation

Later rain began to down the fires, leaving Belgrade a picture of desolation with enormous craters in the middle of broad avenues, autobuses overturned, houses left without fronts, and dead bodies strewn in the streets, sometimes covered by flowers and wreaths taken from flower shops.

The Authorities mobilised men not serving with the forces to clear away the debris, and inter the dead, and men, women and children began to search what was left of their homes for what they could rescue and carry away.—Reuter.

NO BOMBS DURING DAYLIGHT

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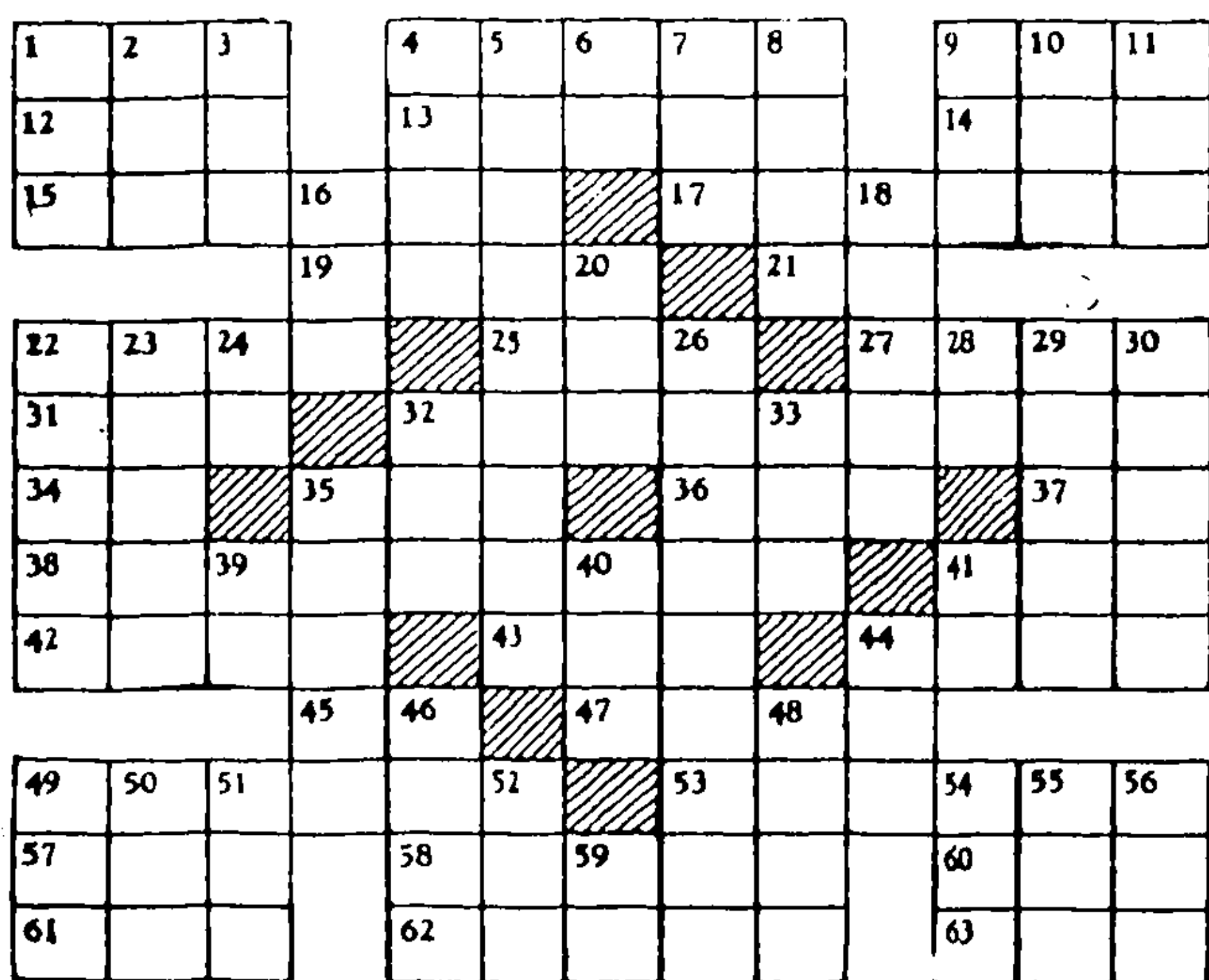
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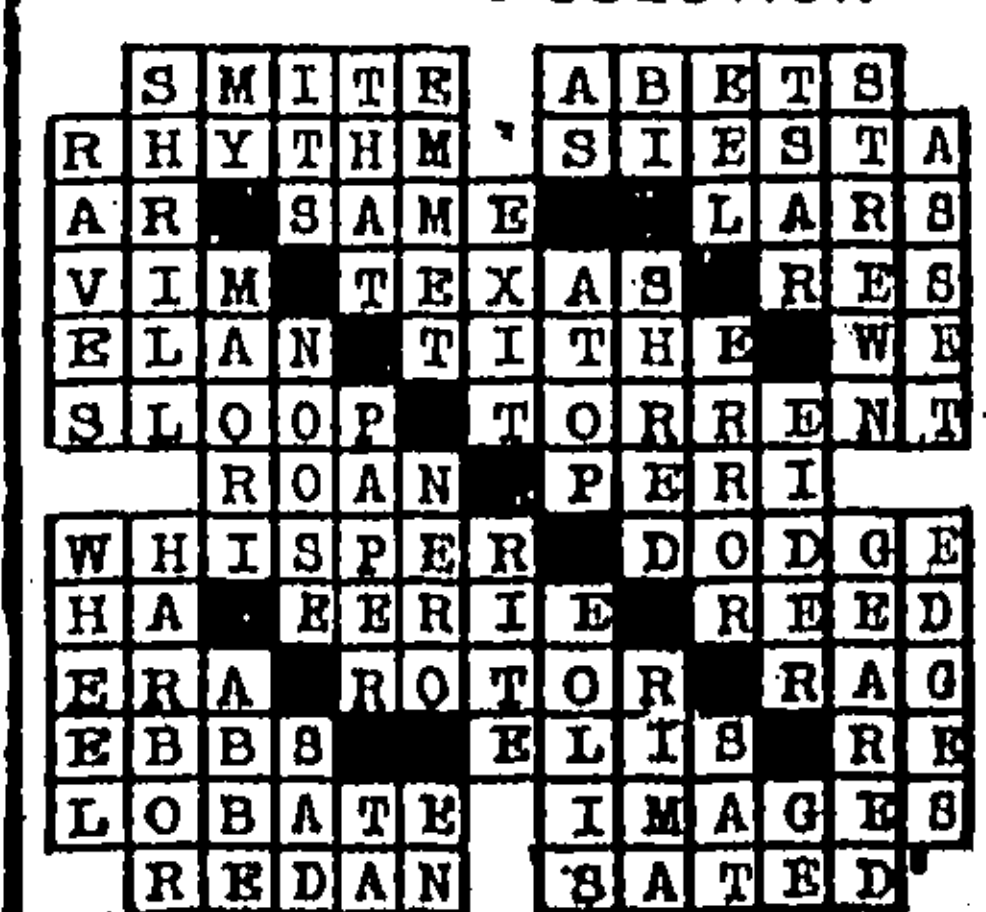
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- 1 Supporting pin
- 4 To take as one's own
- 9 Malt beverage
- 12 Girl's name
- 13 Smooth consonants
- 14 Fuel
- 15 Women
- 16 Reward
- 21 Sun god
- 22 To omit
- 25 Pole
- 27 To pierce
- 31 Conjunction
- 32 Observant
- 34 Chinese measure
- 35 Tropical bird
- 36 American author
- 37 Conjunction
- 38 Engaged
- 41 Swine
- 42 To allot
- 43 Weapon
- 44 Cushions
- 45 Teutonic deity
- 47 Brim

VERTICAL

- 1 Nothing
- 2 Room in a harem
- 3 To wander
- 4 To the sheltered side
- 5 Forsaking
- 6 Preposition
- 7 Favourite
- 8 Former ruler

THURSDAY'S SOLUTION



- 9 Eon
- 10 Malay gibbon
- 11 Worm
- 16 Mischievous child
- 18 Glue
- 20 Period
- 22 Vegetable dish
- 23 Cutting tool
- 24 European fish
- 26 Needy
- 28 Note of scale
- 29 To shun
- 30 Mountains
- 32 Literary scraps
- 33 To bow
- 35 Troubled
- 39 Note of scale
- 40 Billiard stick
- 41 Colloquial: father
- 44 By
- 45 Was borne by
- 46 Sudden flow
- 48 Sticky substance
- 50 Man's name
- 51 Burmese demon
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- 54 To possess
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GREAT CONVOY OF WAR SUPPLIES GETS THROUGH SAFELY

(By Reuter's Naval Correspondent)

WITH AEROPLANES STACKED ON THEIR DECKS AND THE HOLDS FULL OF WAR MATERIALS FROM NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA, A CONVOY OF PERHAPS 250,000 TONS OF MERCHANT SHIPS STEAMED SAFELY INTO A BRITISH PORT FROM THE ATLANTIC RECENTLY WHILE ESCORTING DESTROYERS AND CORVETTES SLIPPED QUIETLY AWAY TO THEIR BERTHS.

Another victory in the daylong and night-long Battle of the Atlantic had been won. It was my privilege to sail from the same port in one of these same weather-beaten destroyers escorting an outward-bound convoy and to see and share something of the life of officers and men in the ceaseless task of guarding Britain's vital shipping lanes.

As lines of darkened ships steamed up the coast, the sky over the shore was pricked with flashes of anti-aircraft fire but no sound of gun or bomb was audible at sea.

All seemed strangely peaceful but for the presence of a couple of minesweepers as we left port and the tense concentration of the look-outs on the bridge.

So we steamed throughout the night and for days and nights, with the merchantships keeping station and the escorts disposed around in a screen to ward off attack from U-boat or bomber.

U-Boats Reported

U-boats were reported in the area through which we must pass but nothing was seen of them until a day or two later when "action stations" was sounded, and in seconds officers and men below decks were at their posts to reinforce their shipmates always on watch.

Sea-boated and clad in heavy duffle coats and woollen hats against the biting wind, the men were passing ammunition and bringing the guns to the ready.

A ship in the convoy had reported sighting a submarine on the surface but she dived immediately, for there was no trace of her as we and another destroyer hurried to the spot.

Every Inch Combed

Every inch of the area was combed and depth-charges dropped in the hope of bringing the U-boat to the surface, but the hope was disappointed though we had some compensation a day later when we picked up a signal that a former captain of our destroyer had bagged a U-boat in an area near us.

Another call to action stations came at dawn when a large unlighted warship escorted by destroyers was sighted ahead. She had guns whose broadside could blow us out of the water and wreak havoc among the convoy.

As it was still unknown whether she was friend or foe, the alarm was sounded, the crew tumbled out on deck, guns and torpedo-tubes were got ready and a challenge flicked from the bridge.

Two Answers

There could be but two answers, a correct reply or a broadside. The second that followed seemed long and then a light flashed back to us.

"Answer correct, vessel friendly," the Yeoman of Signals reported.

NO AIR ATTACK MATERIALISED BUT WHENEVER OUR AIR ESCORT PICKED UP AND EACH TIME A PLANE WAS SIGHTED, THE GUNS WERE TRAINED AND CHALLENGE GIVEN. Nothing was left to chance. It

was the same with every blob of smoke on the horizon and every lone ship sighted, everything is investigated and checked.

Turn About

We saw our outward-bound charges safely to their dispersal point and turned. A few hours later we picked up our homeward-bound convoy.

Not a shot was fired on the return trip save an occasional burst of machine-gun fire to sink a floating mine, but early one morning I saw a merchantship which had been bombed the previous day blazing, with rescue vessels standing by.

The same afternoon we sighted a waterlogged ship's boat. Reuter.

LONDON GETS NIGHT ALERT

London had its expected alert signal some time before midnight on Thursday night.

Heavy gunfire occurred in part of one area and the sound of planes was heard. The moon was partially obscured by a slight mist.—Reuter.

97 ITALIANS INDICTED FOR SABOTAGE

Ninety-seven officers and men from eight Italian freighters seized in New Jersey ports were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in Newark on sabotage charges.

Rinaldo Negri, Italian marine superintendent, was also indicted.—Reuter.

UNITED STATES TAKES CONTROL IN GREENLAND

THE UNITED STATES is establishing air bases in Greenland. Ignoring the fact that Denmark is under German control, an agreement has been signed with the Danish Minister, M. de Kauffman, which in effect places Greenland under American protection.

The agreement provides for the establishment of United States air bases in Greenland both for its own protection and the protection of the western hemisphere.

Signature of the agreement took place late on Wednesday night, Mr. Cordell Hull (Secretary of State) signing on behalf of the United States, and M. de Kauffman on behalf of Denmark.

President Roosevelt, commenting on the agreement, said it was proposed to make sure Greenland remained a Danish colony, adding the step was "new proof of our continuing friendship towards Denmark."

Mr. Stephen Early, the President's secretary, declared the agreement was concluded after the United States had received information that German planes had been flying over Greenland. Mr. Early added that Greenland had been placed in exactly the same category as any other of the Atlantic islands owned by non-American powers.

Monroe Doctrine

This, he said, was in complete accord with the terms of the Monroe Doctrine and the declaration signed at the Havana Conference last year.

"Greenland will be defended if attacked," Mr. Early declared. He recalled the United States had previously taken a similar

attitude regarding the defence of Canada.

The announcement that the agreement had been made pointed out that it had been signed "on the anniversary of the day on which German troops invaded Denmark."

It added: "We earnestly hope for the quick liberation of Denmark from her present invaders."—Reuter.

WAITING TENDENCY IN STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange on Thursday showed a generally waiting tendency. After opening slightly easier the market developed a steadier tone and mostly closed above the lowest. Gilt-edged were irregularly lower; home rails encountered some selling and industrials were easier but Kaffirs were fairly steady and oils were firmly held. Among foreign issues, Egyptian Unified were weak and South American and Far Eastern bonds a trifle easier. Wall Street was dull.—Reuter.

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HITLER'S HESITATIONS

One of the most interesting aspects of the Balkan campaign is the reason Hitler hesitated so long before he finally decided to support his Axis partner. His indecision was extremely dangerous to himself as well as to Mussolini, and promises to cost him more than he probably cares to visualise. The resistance which he must now expect is more than doubled by the presence of British Imperial Forces in Greece, which, a few months ago, would not have been available for this area. The German Fuehrer has also given General Wavell time to smash the Italians in Africa. The Germans have had to start the campaign in Cyrenaica almost from scratch, whereas help given earlier would have added to the strength of the Italians and made the British advance so much more difficult.

As matters now stand, Britain is in a position to keep her supply lines open across the Mediterranean, especially since the Battle of Matapan which broke Italian naval power. The Delhi Conference has paved the way for a steady increase in supplies to the Middle East, and the expulsion of the Italians from the Red Sea, will in all likelihood result in direct American shipments to Red Sea ports. This is the second time during the course of the war that Hitler has failed to seize a golden opportunity.

The withdrawal of the British army from France showed he had not the necessary decision to follow up his advantage and attack Britain when she was at her weakest—an attack that would have had more chance of success than the delayed action of last September. Hitler's indecision could afford good material for psychological study, but from the military point of view his lack of nerve at the crucial moment augurs ill for his future success. Should he succeed so far as to over-run Yugoslavia and Greece, he does so to-day at the cost of many men and much material, and his position must be worse than it might have been three months ago, when Mussolini had the power to assist him.

Yugoslavia's refusal to sign away her freedom for the doubtful blessing of German domination, must have been a blow which Berlin had not anticipated. As Mr. Churchill put it: "A boa constrictor who had already

covered his prey with his foul saliva and then had it suddenly wrested from his coils, would be in amiable mood compared with Hitler when he experienced this bitter disappointment." Since Yugoslavia had lost the moral support of the League of Nations, with the break-up of that body, since the failure of the Balkan Entente and the collapse of her old friend France, coupled with German penetration against which the Government had been powerless, Hitler had foreseen no difficulty in forcing his will on the conglomeration of races, often antagonistic, which comprise Yugoslavia to-day. Germany needs what Yugoslavia can supply—invaluable supplies of copper, lead, chrome and bauxite. With the exception of bauxite, Yugoslavia is Germany's sole important source of these essential materials, and in the recent abortive agreement, heavier exports to Germany had been included. Here was another case of loss through hesitation. If Germany had made the same demands on Yugoslavia two months earlier than she did two weeks ago, when Hungary and Rumania fell, the Government would in all probability have succumbed. Germany, coupled with Italy's then unbroken army and navy, appeared all-powerful.

Smashing British victories in East Africa foreshadow the early dissolution of Mussolini's Empire and the possible release of as many as 200,000 hardened British veterans for the new campaigns in Cyrenaica and the Balkans.

Greatest of the British triumphs are the capture of the Eritrean stronghold of Massawa and the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa. Others included the capture of Gambela, in western Ethiopia, by a new column of British and Free Belgian forces, and the occupation of several Italian posts on the southern Ethiopian front by native irregulars.

The capitulation of the demoralised and isolated Fascist units in all Ethiopia may make headlines in another week.

This would enable the British Command, with their control of the seas, to leave only a handful of garrison troops in East Africa and concentrate their forces elsewhere—some on the Libyan front, more in the Balkans.

Not that the British Government have 200,000 troops in East Africa. Nothing like it, in all probability. But the neutralising of the eastern half of the continent would release reserves in the Sudan and Egypt, as well as in South Africa, and permit the dispatch of considerable numbers of Free French and other foreign legion forces to Mediterranean or Balkan fronts.

The Italians had approximately 114,000 troops in East Africa. Up until yesterday the British had captured nearly 70,000, principally in Italian Somaliland and southern Ethiopia. As for British numbers, Gen. Wavell's headquarters in Cairo has been noteworthy for silence, and there are only guesses on the number of English, Australians, New Zealanders, South Africans, West Africans, Indians, etc., now under arms in Africa.

Keren's downfall was a particularly demoralising blow for the Italians, because the Fascist defence there was the best they had put up anywhere in the war. The British said so, and with reason. They began the siege late in January, with crack Scottish Highlander and Indian regiments leading the attack. The Italians not only fought long but well, repeatedly counter-attacking, particularly during the intensified siege of the last 12 days.

Duke Among Defenders

Observers estimated the Fascist defenders at 25,000, including re-

inforcements rushed from Addis Ababa at the order of the Duke of Aosta, Viceroy of Ethiopia and commander of the besieged troops.

With Keren and its high plateau and its 10,000 natives under the Union Jack, the British had comparatively easy ground to cover in marching on to Asmara, the capital, and to Massawa, Eritrea's largest seaport. Naval cooperation here, such as employed in the recapture of Berbera, speeded the Eritrean collapse.

The taking of Harrar, Haile Selassie's home town and Ethiopia's second city (50,000), was almost as great a triumph for Britain's fast-moving West and South African forces. These mechanised units advanced from Jigjiga through the Marda Pass, a natural defence reinforced with deep defences of wire, tunnels and tank traps. But the Fascist fight here was apparently track-meet stuff compared to that at Keren.

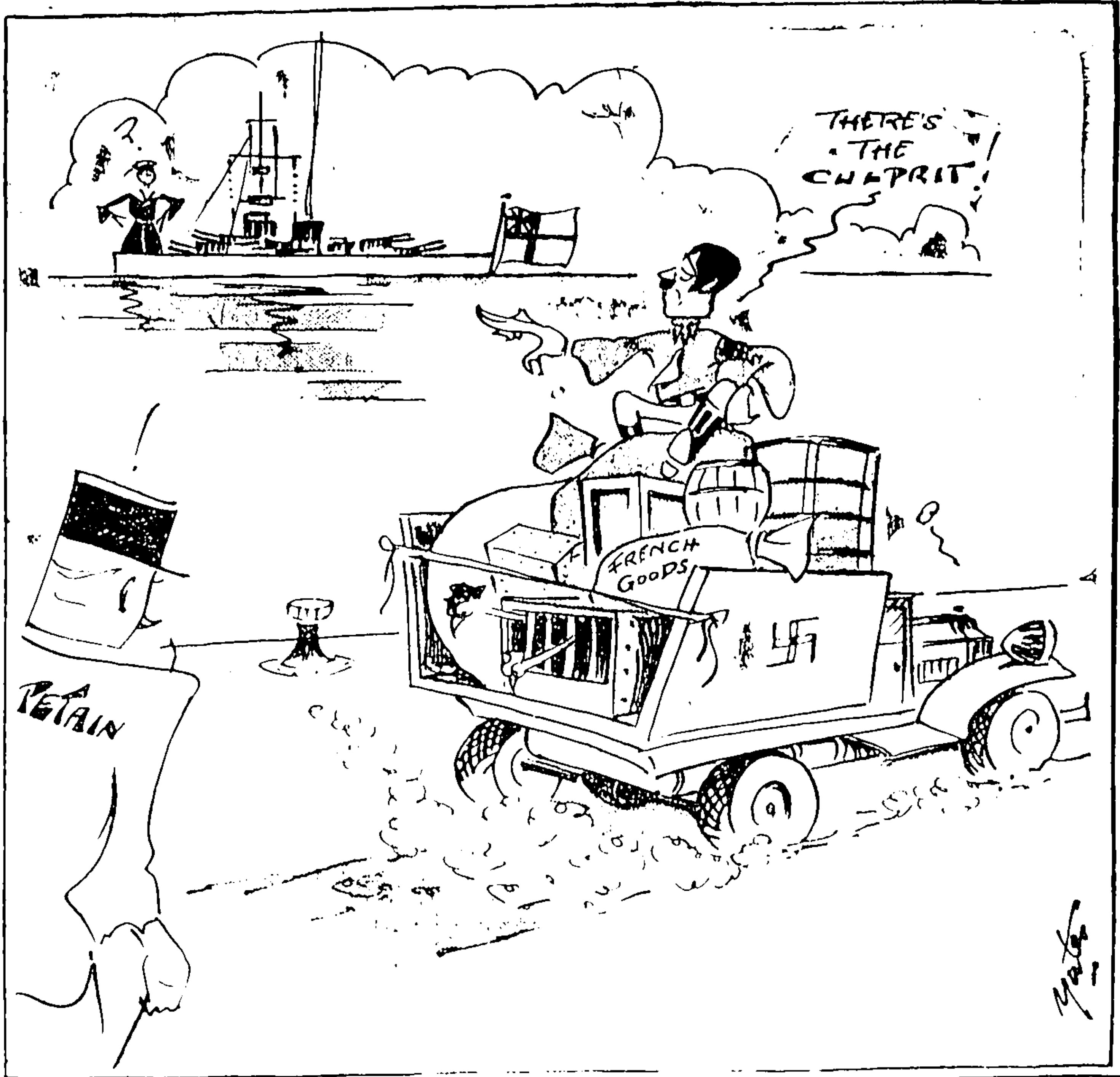
The early fall of Dire-dawa and cutting of the railway, destroyed almost the last avenue of escape for the Italian troops and civilians in Addis Ababa and the entire southern half of Ethiopia.

War In The Air

Nazi indifference to the law of probability has always argued against acceptance of German war claims. Take the Berlin communiques for the week ended March 23—a seven-day stretch of almost constant air raids on British ports and industrial centres. Adolf Hitler's High Command asked the world to believe that the Luftwaffe lost only two planes (one of them over northern Germany) while Britain lost 25. That seemed to be stretching credulity a bit far, particularly after the official German news agency had reported "startling" new British defences.

Plane loss figures released by the British Ministry of Information for the western front seemed more plausible. London again reported a tremendous lead in the Middle East, but even Rome hasn't contested the R.A.F.'s control of the air over Africa. Here is the British box score:

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|--------------------------|------|---------------|------|
| March 17 to 23 | | | |
| Axis | 11 | British | 7 |
| MIDDLE EAST | | | |
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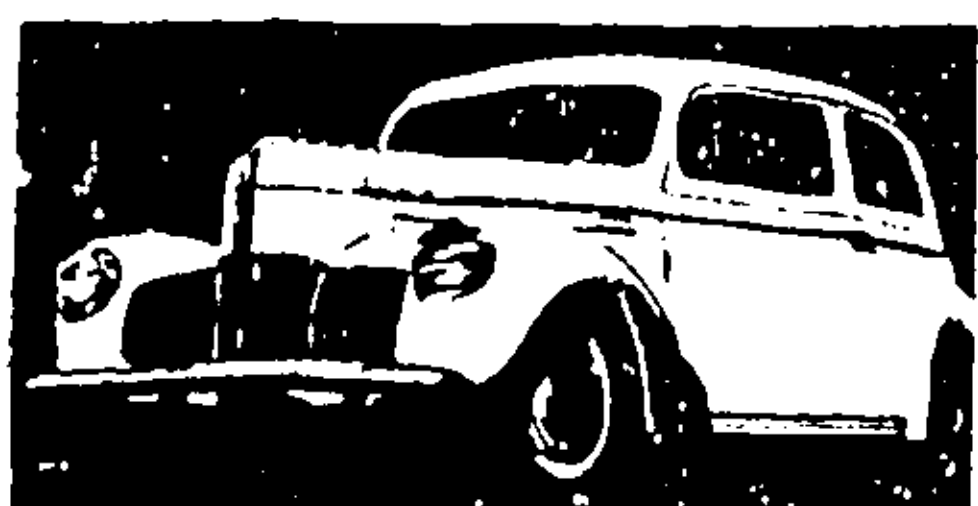
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GREAT FIRES IN HEART OF BERLIN

"ALL BOMBS IN THE TARGET AREA: 14 FIRES THERE, VERY PERSISTENT." THIS WAS THE REPORT OF ONE PILOT DURING LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S RAID ON BERLIN.

With the progress of the attack the number of fires increased, and before midnight bombs were seen to burst near one main railway station and others exploded in a large goodsyard.

In the third hour of the raid a great fire sprang up in the heart of the capital from which a tremendous cloud of smoke rose high in the air.

When the heavy attack was made, under an almost full moon, all Berlin's defences sprang into action.

Many pilots expressed the opinion that the defences had been strengthened since the last attack, but this new attempt to make the city as impregnable as it was once declared to be, did not prevent our bombers from discharging loads of high explosives and many thousands of incendiary bombs in the centre of Berlin.

The attack was pressed home and while bombers were within range of batteries placed in depth from the outskirts of the city to the centre, the air seemed full of bursting shells and weaving searchlights.

Searchlight Barriers

The Germans also tried to stop the raiders on the way across Germany and back. There were barriers of searchlights to catch the bombers and guide night fighters to them.

One bomber saw a fighter silhouetted against the moon and opened fire. The German plane dropped like a stone.

A German High Command communique describing the main R.A.F. attack against Berlin, says high explosive and incendiary bombs caused some considerable damage in residential quarters and the centre of the capital.

Public buildings of historic and cultural importance, including churches and museums, were also hit.

Few Casualties

In comparison with the weight of bombs dropped, civilian casualties were relatively very few.

Smaller R.A.F. forces raided Emden and Bremen among other

points in north Germany, adds the Nazi communique, which also claims that a soaring total of British bombers were shot down in the last two nights.

Nazi Radio Stirred

The Berlin radio angrily exclaimed "The result of the attack on Berlin provides an infamous example of the methods of the British Air Force!"—Reuter.

PALL OF SMOKE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A pall of smoke hung over Berlin after the most devastating R.A.F. raid of the war on the German capital.

Explosives and incendiaries cut a swathe in the heart of the city. The Opera House was burned out, the State Library, Bellevue and Sans Souci Palaces hit and six

BLITZ AIR RAIDS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

German raiders, spreading fire and destruction, swarmed over a west Midland town, delivering two severe attacks, from Wednesday night to early Thursday morning.

After wreaking more havoc in bomb-pocked, fire-scarred Coventry in Tuesday night's all out blitz attack, the raiders wrecked buildings and started huge fires in a west Midlands town.

A second raid was carried out as rescue parties were prodding amid the debris for survivors of the first attack.

London underwent a two-hour alarm but no bombs were dropped.

These intense raids were an apparent retaliation for the two British attacks on Kiel, which the Air Ministry called the heaviest R.A.F. attacks of the war.—International News Service.

killd at Potsdam. The Nazis claim that military and industrial damage was "insignificant" and that 15 British planes were downed.—International News Service.

BATTLE OF APRIL MOON OVER GREAT BRITAIN

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

WHILE R.A.F. BOMBERS were stoking fires in the centre of Berlin with high explosives, as a climax to successful British raids on Germany and occupied territory in daylight and darkness, R.A.F. night fighters and British A.A. Gunners on Wednesday night improved on their success in last month's Battle of the Moon over Britain.

April's moon did not reach its zenith until Thursday night, but by dawn the total of 27 German night bombers destroyed over the full moon period in March — 12, 13 and 14 — had been equalled by the destruction of 11 raiders on Wednesday night, 10 on Thursday night and six the night before.

To the R.A.F.'s crack night-flying team of Beau fighters, Defiants and Hurricanes, which have now broken their previous record by claiming at least 21 of the raiders destroyed in the last three nights, must now be added the Douglas DB7, an American-built light bomber-fighter.

This plane, it is announced, is now taking part in night operations for the Fighter Command under the name of Havoc. It is not disclosed whether the Douglas actually is helping to beat the blitz or is taking part in offensive operations on the Continent in the same way as other R.A.F. fighters, which in the darkness of Wednesday night, again strafed objectives over occupied France.

3-Hour Raid

Full details of the R.A.F.'s hammering at Berlin and other objec-

tives are still awaited from the Air Ministry, but it is known the attack on the capital was limited to three hours on account of the 1,200-mile flight there and back facing the R.A.F. these shorter nights.

The West Midlands attack is described as intense, with widespread damage to commercial buildings and homes.

Heavy Casualties

To-day, buried people are still being extricated and it is feared casualties will prove to be heavy. Several of the fires were large.

Despite the terrific barrage put up by the defences, enemy bombers roared overhead in the north-east coast area almost without cessation during the whole night, and again damage and casualties may prove heavy.—Reuter.

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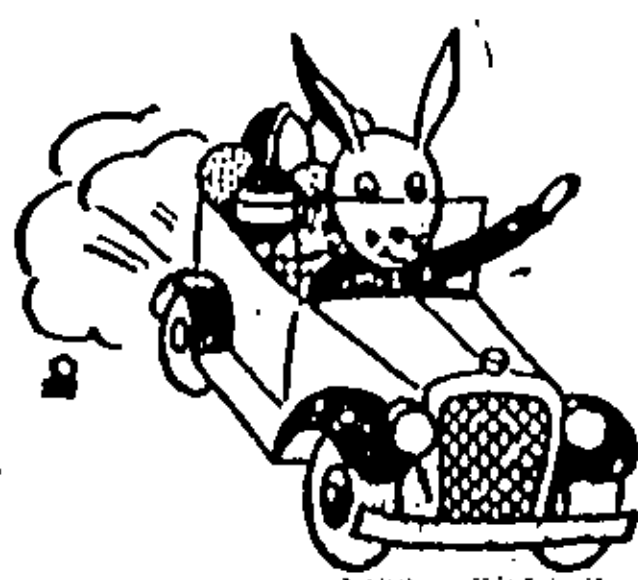
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Lion Of Judah's Flag Again Over Addis Ababa

GREEN, GOLD and red, and emblazoned with the Lion of Judah, the flag of Haile Selassie flutters again at the masthead of Parliament House in Addis Ababa.

The officer commanding the Imperial troops addressed representatives of leading races in Abyssinia before the ceremonial hoisting of the flag.

The ceremony was held in the old Parliament House of Emperor Menelik, standing on the summit of one of the city's seven hills.

AS THE FLAG BROKE AT THE MASTHEAD AN AUDIBLE HUM FROM THE VAST CROWDS IN THE CITY BELOW SWELLED, ECHOED AND SPREAD THROUGH THE CAPITAL UNTIL THE WHOLE CITY WAS CHEERING.

Many remarkable scenes were witnessed, such as an Abyssinian Ras (chief) stopping swiftly to kiss the boot of the officer commanding.

Lot To Do

Speaking to the chieftains, the officer said "There is still a lot of work to do, and speed largely depends on the Ethiopians."

"I ask you men of influence to see not only that order is kept in the town but that there are no attacks outside. Can you give me that assurance?"

The question was answered tumultuously.

A proclamation signed by the Emperor in the heart of the Gofjam Mountains on March 17 was read, empowering the British commanders, in consultation with Abyssinian leaders, to issue notices relating to the prosecution of the war.

A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE OCCUPATION, PATRIOTS DESTROYED A BRIDGE NEAR THE CITY, HURLING A LOCOMOTIVE DRAWING A TROOP TRAIN OVER THE EMBANKMENT THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A FIERCE 12-HOUR FIGHT

Pressure Maintained

The British and Imperial troops are maintaining their pressure on the Italian forces withdrawing in Eritrea and Abyssinia.

This was announced in a communique issued from the War Office in London.

The communique also stated there is no change in the situation in Libya.

5,000 Prisoners

Five thousand prisoners were taken at Addis Ababa, it is officially announced in Nairobi.

The prisoners included 4,000 Italians and 1,000 native troops. Patrols collected a further 1,450 Italians and 900 Africans on Wednesday.

Two British officers and 18 South African motor transport drivers captured 800 Italians at Awash.—Reuter.

LIBYAN DESERT RAIDS

Severe sandstorms in the Libyan Desert interfered with R.A.F. operations against German and Italian formations advancing eastward.

This is mentioned in an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo.

R.A.F. bombers and fighters nevertheless continued to attack enemy columns, inflicting many casualties and causing much damage.

The remains of 31 wrecked or damaged enemy aircraft were discovered at Addis Ababa aerodrome. Some were in a repairable condition.—Reuter.

PRESIDENT SEEKS NEW POWERS

President Roosevelt has asked Congress for broad statutory authority to take over any "foreign-owned vessels lying idle our ports."

This authority, the President declared, should be subject to payment of just compensation.

He cited the Merchant Marine Act, authorising him to requisition or purchase any American-owned vessels in time of national emergency or when national defence made it advisable.

He did not limit his remarks to Danish vessels. "It is too obvious that our ultimate defence will be rendered futile if the growing shortage of shipping facilities is not arrested," Reuter.

IRAQ REVOLT INSPIRED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Iraq revolt, which placed Rashid el Kalami at the head of the Government, is believed in Istanbul to have been inspired by Axis propaganda and money.

Neutral observers familiar with political machinations and intrigues in Near East countries also believe the Axis was at the bottom of the recent demonstrations and unrest in French Syria.

It was pointed out that the new Iraq leader has much personal ambition and is supported by a small party and a small part of the army but has little backing from the people and is definitely opposed by the British, who distrust him.—International New Service.

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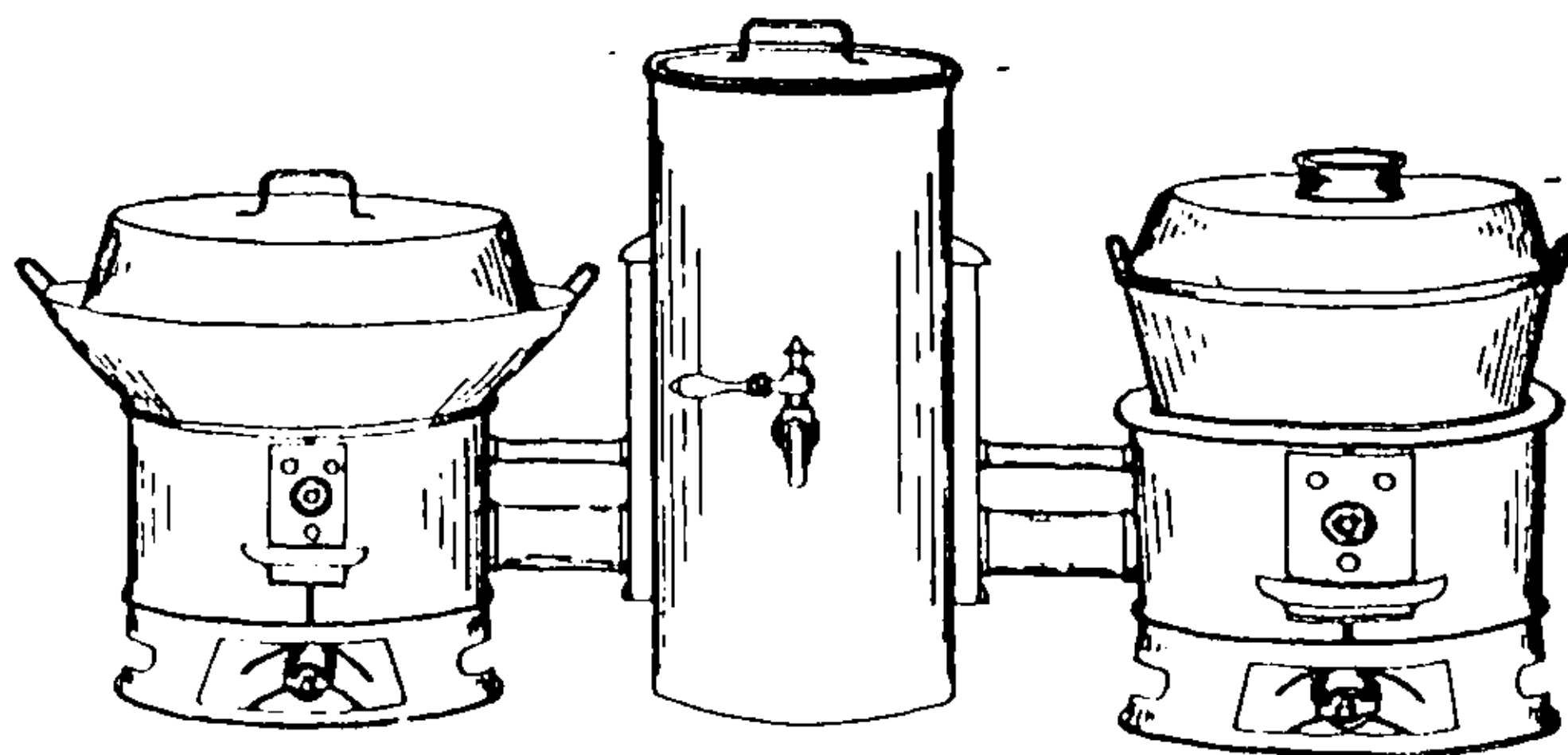
AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR ROBERT BROOKE-POPHAM, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, FAR EAST, LEFT MANILA FOR SINGAPORE BY AIR ON THURSDAY MORNING.

He conferred on Wednesday for 90 minutes on Far Eastern affairs with the Dutch Foreign Minister, Dr. van Kleffens, and the United States High Commissioner for the Philippines, Mr. Francis B. Sayre.—Reuter.

MR. EDEN BACK IN ENGLAND

Mr. Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill have returned to England, it is announced in London, says Reuter.

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Thurs. day, 10th April, 1941.

1. RECRUITS' MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Fri. 18th Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Orderly Medical Officer: Lt. G. T. Balcan.

2. PROMOTIONS

Extract from Government Gazette No. 24 dated 4th April, 1941.

"No. 371 His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve the following promotions in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from 16th March, 1941.

Sapper Edward Cock, M.B.E., Sapper Alexander Malcolm, to be Captains of an Auxiliary Unit.

Sapper Gerald George Wood, Sapper Sidney George Smith, to be Lieutenants of an Auxiliary Unit, 3rd April, 1941."

3. TROPHIES COMPETITION RESULTS—CORPS ARTILLERY

(a) Governor's Trophy—Most efficient Battery—2nd Battery.

(b) Artillery Cup—Most efficient Gun Detachment in all Batteries.—2nd Battery—Sgt. McFayden's Detachment.

(c) Marshal Trophy—Most efficient detachment in 3rd and 4th Batteries.

3rd Battery—Sgt. Leonard's Detachment.

4. PROMOTION EXAMINATION RESULTS

The following have passed to Sergeants in a Promotion Examination held on 8.4.41.

A/Cpl. V. V. Faciato, No. 7 Coy.

A/Cpl. V. G. Stott, No. 7 Coy.

5. PARADES

(a) Corps Artillery

i. Manning Parade 17.4.41-18.4.41.

Batteries will parade on the 17th for night manning exercise at H.Q. as under:

5th A.A. Bty.—13.30 hours.

1st & 3rd Bty.—13.45 hours.

2nd & 4th Bty.—14.15 hours.

Dress For 17.4.41.

1, 2, 3 & 4th Btys. S.D. cap, jacket, trousers, boots, web-equipment including haversack and water bottle filled. Steel helmet, overalls and gun platform shoes to be carried. Greatcoat, knife, fork, spoon, plate and mug to be brought.

5th A.A. Battery. S.D. cap, shirt, cardigan, trousers, boots, web-equipment including haversack and water bottle filled. Steel helmet, overalls and gun platform shoes to be carried. Greatcoat, knife, fork, spoon, plate, mug to be brought.

Transport
Only 1 private car per Battery detailed by the Bty. Comdr. will be used for the transportation of personnel to and from Battery positions.

Other Members

Members of 1st, 4th and 5th A.A. Btys. who cannot parade as above and have their Bty. Comdr.'s permission will parade at H.Q. at 5.15 p.m. when transport will be available.

(a) CORPS ARTILLERY

ii. 2nd Battery

Mon. 21st Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed. Kit inspection. Dress—Mufft.

iii. 5th A.A. Battery

Tues. 15th Apr. St. John's Place. 5.30 p.m. 1 & 2 Secs. Lecture. Dress—Mufft.

(b) FIELD COMPANY

ENGINEERS

Thurs. 17th Apr. K.C.R. (i)

Technical training by Sections (less Special Working Party). 8.30 a.m. Dress—Shirts, shorts, boots, hoselops, puttees, cardigans, S.D. Caps. Overalls will be carried. (ii)

Special Working Party. 12.30 p.m. Dress—Battle Order.

(c) CORPS SIGNALS

Mon. 14th Apr. No parade.

Wed. 16th Apr. H.Q. 2 p.m. (i)

Classification Group. Special training. (ii) Remainder Signal exercise. (iii) Evening parade. Signal training as detailed.

Fri. 18th Apr. H.Q. 2 p.m. (i)

W/T Class will parade at 1.45 p.m.

(ii) Remainder Field Signal training. (iii) Evening parade. Signal training as detailed.

(d) MOBILE COLUMN

Mon. 14th Apr. No parade.

Wed. 16th Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. All Plns. Exercise in New Territories. Dress—Battle Order.

RTR caps. Vehicle & Working Party. No. 2 Pln. and No. 4 Sec. No. 4 Pln.

Fri. 18th Apr. (i) Nos. 1 and 2 Plns. Classes. A.B.C. Kennedy Road Range. Parade at Drill Hall 5.15 p.m. Range Officer: Lt. K.C. Hamilton. Classes. D, E. Munture Range Range Officer: 2/Lt. M.G. Carruthers. (ii) Nos. 3 and 4 Plns. Class 1. Munture Range. Class 2. Gas drill with arms. S.B. Respirators will be drawn under C.Q.M.S. Butler Class 3. Musketry (iii) No. 5 Pln. Message writing (iv) Dress. All Plns. Overalls, RTR. Cap.

Command. Capt. J. R. Way takes over command of Mobile Column w.e.f. 18.4.41.

(e) NO. 1 COMPANY

Mon. 14th Apr. No parade.

Tues. 15th Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Weapon training.

Fri. 18th Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Weapon training.

(f) NO. 2 COMPANY

Tues. 15th Apr. Kowloon Dock. 5.30 p.m. No. 6 Pln. Weapon training.

Wed. 16th Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 7 Pln. Weapon training.

Fri. 18th Apr. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Company parade for Manning exercise. Dress—Battle Order.

(g) NO. 3 COMPANY

Mon. 14th Apr. No parade.

Thurs. 17th Apr. H.Q. 5.20 p.m. Training as in Company programme.

Sun. 27th Apr. Kowloon City Range 9 a.m. Casuals M.G. Classification.

(h) NO. 4 COMPANY

Wed. 18th Apr. Murray Parade Ground. 5.15 p.m. Recruits and those detailed from Classes 9 and 10.

(i) NO. 5 COMPANY

Mon. 14th Apr. No parade.

Tues. 15th Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. M.G. Secs. T.O.E.T. 5 & 6. L.G. Secs. Points B.D.A.

(j) NO. 6 COMPANY

Tues. 15th Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.

Fri. 18th Apr. H.Q. 10.30 a.m. Manning Exercise. Dress—Boots, puttees, hose-tops, shirts, K.D. jacket, steel helmet, webbing equipment. Rifle, bayonet, water-bottle, haversack and box respirator.

(k) NO. 7 COMPANY

Tues. 15th Apr. H.Q. 5.45 p.m. L.G. Training. Probable stoppages.

Fri. 18th Apr. H.Q. 8 a.m. Full day training at D'Aguilar. Dress—Fighting Order, steel helmet.

(l) ARMY SERVICE CORPS COMPANY

Sun. 13th Apr.—Sat. 19th Apr. inclusive. Transport & Supplies Sections on duty as detailed under Company arrangements. Dress as ordered.

Daily Duty Officer as detailed.

Tues. 15th Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. instruction Class. Those detailed.

Thurs. 17th Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Company Parade. Dress—Mufft. Full attendance compulsory.

Sun. 20th Apr. All day exercise. Details later.

(m) FIELD AMBULANCE

Tues. 15th Apr. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Dress—Steel helmet, jacket, trousers, boots, webbing belt, waterbottle filled, haversack mess. Kit bags will be carried containing shorts, puttees, hoselops. Greatcoat cardigan, knife fork and spoon.

The exercise will terminate at approx. 7 p.m. on Wed. 16th.

(n) PAY SECTION

Thurs. 17th Apr. Command H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Sub-Section I. Those detailed. Dress—Uniform.

Fri. 18th Apr. Command H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Sub-Section II. Those detailed. Dress—Uniform.

(o) FORTRESS SIGNAL COMPANY

Manning exercise under in-

structions as issued by C.S.O.

6. PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENT

L/Cpl. J. A. Remedios, Ed. Amb. to be Cpl. 8.4.41.

L/Cpl. B. H. Kaploon, F. Amb. to be Cpl. 8.4.41.

Pte. Au Kim Fung, Ed. Amb. to be L/Cpl. 8.4.41.

Pte. E. B. Namak, Ed. Amb. to be L/Cpl. 8.4.41.

A/Cpl. V. V. Faciato, No. 7 Coy. to be Sgt. 10.4.41.

A/Cpl. V. G. Stott, No. 7 Coy. to be Sgt. 10.4.41.

A/Cpl. J. F. S. Yu, Ed. Amb. to be Pte. 10.4.41. Owing to misconduct.

7.—STRENGTH-DECREASE

Gnr. Ng Yat Shing, 4th Bty. 5.2.41.

Gnr. Lam Tak Lin, 4th Bty. 4.3.41.

Gnr. Wong Kam Kin, 4th Bty. 8.3.41.

Gnr. Lai Sze Kit, 4th Bty. 13.3.41.

F/Cdt. D. R. Ryde, Air Arm. 14.3.41.

Sigmn. W. F. Barnes, Corps Sigs. 19.3.41.

Sigmn. G. L. Andrews, Corps Sigs. Res. 19.3.41.

Sgt. A. J. Vieira-Ribeiro, No. 6 Coy. Res. 20.3.41.

Sigmn. J. J. King, Corps Sigs. 24.3.41.

Pte. Cheung Hon Fung, No. 4 Coy. 1.4.41.

Pte. Johnny Wong, Ed. Amb. 1.4.41.

Spr. E. P. W. Hunt, Ed. Coy. Engrs. 4.4.41.

8. STRENGTH-INCREASE

Gnr. F. A. Castro, 4th Battery. 4.4.41.

Gnr. E. Ellison, 2nd Battery. 4.4.41.

E. N. THURSBY, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

AFFILIATED UNIT

Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

1. LECTURE

Fri. 18th Apr. A.R.P. H.Q., Happy Valley. 5.30 p.m. A.R.P. lecture. Transport leaves Queen's Pier 5.20 p.m.

2. MILITARY HOSPITAL EXERCISE

Wed. 16th Apr.—Fri. 18th Apr. Transport leaves H.Q. 8 a.m.

3. CONCERT

Will members please note that tickets are now on sale at Moutries for the Detachment Concert to be held at the China Fleet Club on 25th and 26th April.

4. BOX RESPIRATORS

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5. LEAVE

Mrs. L.C.S. Martin 14.4.41-14.7.41.

6. STRENGTH-DECREASE

Miss J. W. Buckwell 8.4.41.

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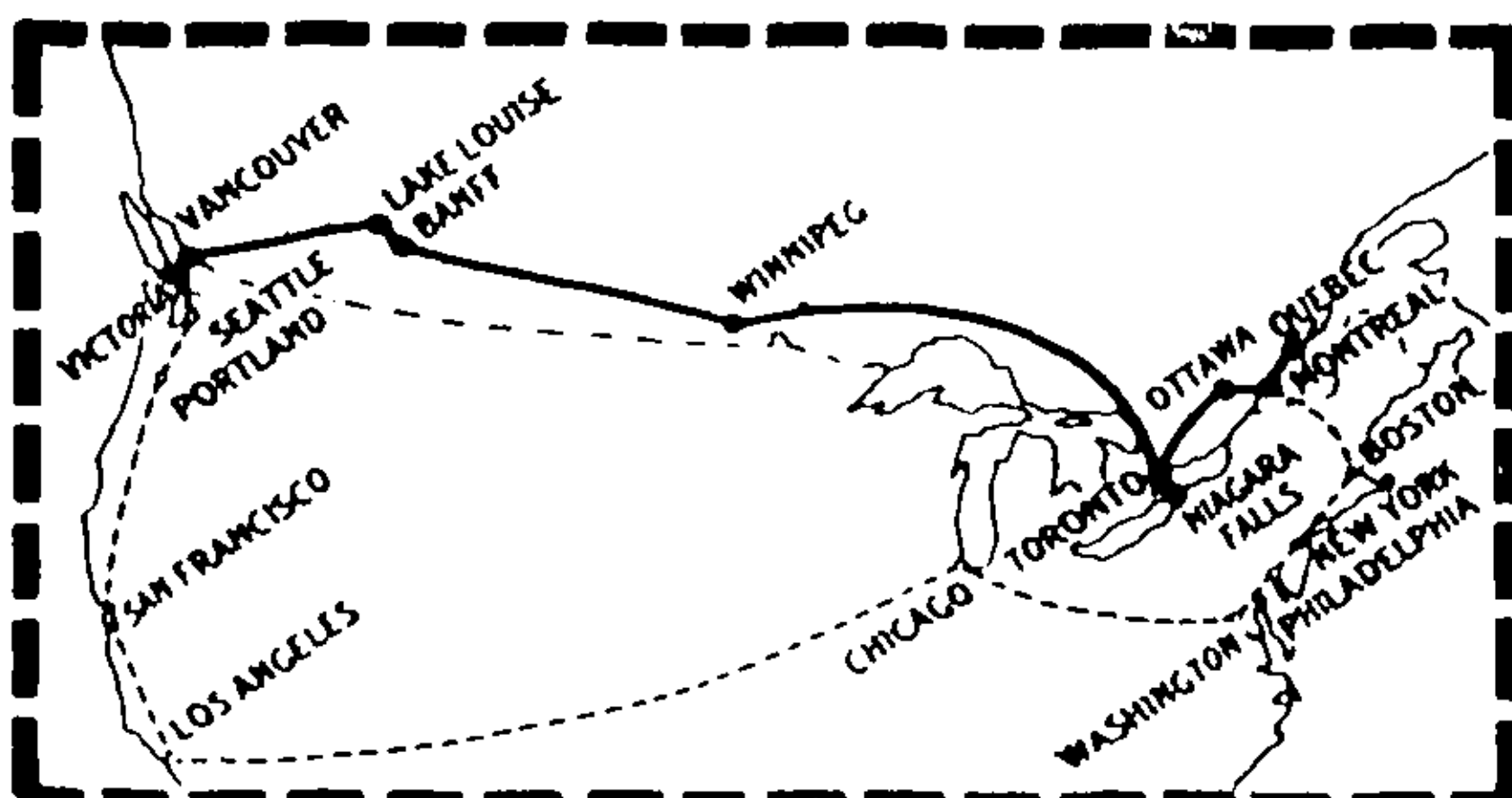
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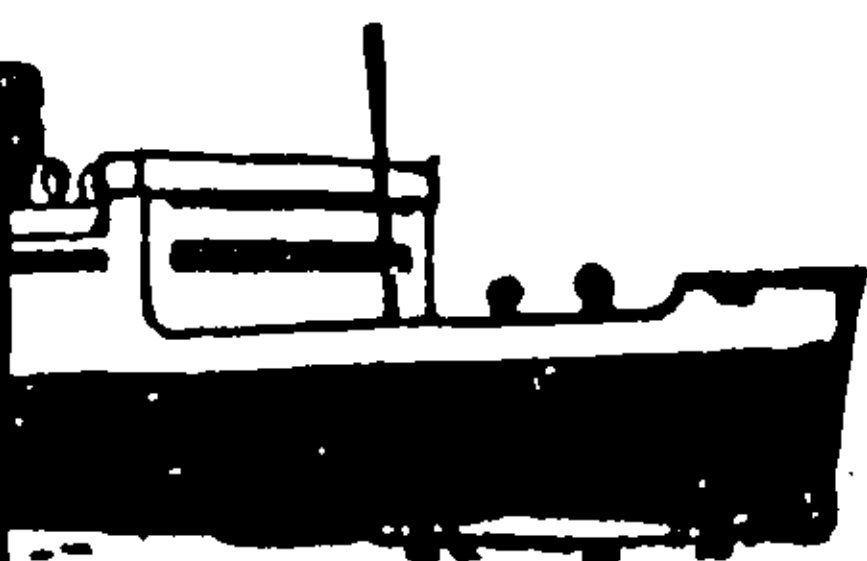
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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Compositions of Bizet.
Dance Bohemienne (from 'The Fair Maid of Perth')—London Philharmonic Orchestra, Cavatine De Leila (from 'Les Pecheurs De Perles')—Mignon Vallin (Soprano) with Orchestra, L'Arlesienne Suite, No. 2—Sir Thomas Beecham cond the London Philharmonic Orchestra, Carmen Fantasy (arr. Sarasate)—Efrem Zimbalist (Violin) with Piano acc., Spanish Serenade—New Light Symphony Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Renter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal: My Girl Sam (Dresser), Sleepy Time Gal (Egan & Others), The Mills Brothers, Piano Medley In. In. No. Regrets, Laughing Irish Eyes, A Fine Romance, Serenade in the Night, Take my Heart, Patricia Rossborough, Vocal: Down at the Hole in the Wall (Sarnoy & Others), Oh, Ain't It Grand to be at the Navy (from 'All at Sea')—Arthur Askey with Jack, Hilton & Some of his boys, Accordion: Orch. The Happy Whistler (Alexander), Minnie's Valse (Alexander), Minn. Accordion Orchestra with Whistling and Yodelling Vocal: Side Kick Joe (Bailey), The Mills Brothers.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

2.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

3.10 p.m.—Boyce—The Prospect Before Us, Arranged by Constant Lambert, Sadler's Wells Orchestra conducted by Constant Lambert.

3.55 p.m.—A Song by Tudor Davies (Tenor), Phyllis Has Such Charming Graces (arr. Lane Wilson).

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Talk by Sir Hugh Walpole.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—Special Broadcast to the British Forces in the Far East.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Studio—Two Piano Jazz Recital by Hal Lorenzo and Toby Gray.

8.25 p.m.—The Gay Nineties, Frank Luther with Zora Layman and The Century Quartet.

8.45 p.m.—Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orchestra.

By The Swanee River—Fantasy (Myddleton), Plantation Songs (Powell), Why Do You Hate Me?—Tango (Strinsky), My Dream—Waltz (Waldteufel), Aubade D'Amour (Monti).

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 p.m.—Local Sports Results.

9.33 p.m.—Light Orchestral Programme with Essie Ackland (Contralto).

Chinese Legend (Schulenburg, arr. Ellinger), Tackelway (Collins), The Richard Creaan Orchestra, Gentle Zephyrs (Jensen), Essie Ackland (Contralto) with Orchestra.

The Waltz Dream—Selection (O. Straus), De Groot & His Orch.

Danny Boy (Londonderry Air) (Weatherley), Song of Sleep (Somerset), Essie Ackland (Contralto) with Orchestra.

Les Nuits Moscovites—Waltz (Kaper and Jurmann), Alfred Rode & His Tziganes.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Variety Programme.

11.00 p.m.—Dance Music.

Quicksteps—Lucky Me, Lucky You (from 'Come out and Play'), How Beautiful You Are (from 'Black Velvet'), Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra, Fox-Trots—Horsey, Keep Your Tail Up, My Pony Boy, Freddie 'Schnickel-fritz' Fisher & His Band, Tangos—Manila, Pobre Francesita, Bernardo Alemany & His Orchestra, Fox-Trots—Little Boy Bubbles, Haw-Haw, Jack Hylton & His Orchestra, Swing, Fox-Trot—Three Little Fishes, Billy Costello (the Original Pop Eye) with Orchestra, Waltz—Love Stay in My Heart (from 'Top of the World'), Quickstep—Where the Blue Begins (from 'Top of the World'), Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra, q/s—Follow the White Line, Fox-Trot—My Heart Belongs to Daddy, Harry Roy & His Orchestra, Fox-Trot—Gypsy Tears, Quickstep—Cuban Lady, Mantovani & His Orchestra, Novelty Dance—The Black-Out Strail, Veleta—Gay Nineties Selection, Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra, Fox-Trots—Fare Thee Well, Goodnight, Children, Everywhere, Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.

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HIGHLIGHTING the holiday softball fare will be the St. Joseph's v. Stanley Mohawks charity tussle slated for 3.45 p.m. at the Kowloon Football Club Ground on Easter Monday, whilst the Wildcats tangle with an All-star nine in the curtain-raiser at 2.30 p.m.

Prices of admission to these two classical games will be \$5, \$1 and 50 cents, the entire proceeds of which will be in aid of Chinese "Warphans," under the sponsorship of the National Association for the care of War Orphans, which is an organisation founded by Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

Many moons have passed since the battle-cries of the Mohawks, the Schaberg and Frank Crews has been heard, and they are again to go on the war-path against the pennant-winning Saints, whilst the Collegians, with the taste of victory still lingering in their mouths, cannot imagine anything other than victory.

Collegian mentor, Choppy Omar, will probably utilize both hurlers, Frankie "Bashful" Gonzalez and Charlie Manson, for this nine in the cuffle, starting off with finger Gonzalez, whose "two-hitter" against the Reds in their clutch game last week, is still news in town. Hal Wingle will be in his usual spot behind the batter.

Stan Leonard, the "Powerhouse" himself, will keep the initial station, with the finest key-stone pair in the loop, George "Strawberry" Souza and "Ozo" Ozorio, Leonard holding the hot corner. Patrolling the gardens will be Hank "Showboat" Ali, in the left patch, with wallow in willow wielders, Jimmie "Muscle-bound" Hussain and Ski Powlawski, the Pulverising Polack, roaming the centre and right gardens.

"Everything" Team

Claimed by critics as the "team that has everything," the mace-mauling Stanley Tribe will go all out to tumble the season's flag winners, with their dazzling plays, which have characterised their outings during the season's campaign.

Cy "Screwball" Jones will probably toe the rubber with Joe Morris receiving, whilst their infielders will be Ernie Hearther at first-base, and Chuck Waggoner guarding the keys. Pete Fitch will be the logical selection to plug up the windy alley, whilst Lou Leight will have first call at

Evenly Matched

Stacked up against each other, as they are, it is almost impossible to forecast the result, as both teams are evenly matched in the hitting, as well as the fielding departments. Win or lose, the hammering diamond artists, the Mauling Mohawks, is a team that can always be relied upon to shine on the field, whilst the brand of ball dished up by the Collegians last week, certainly takes some beating. The side that can stand up longest to the heavy bombardment of powerhouse blows will probably emerge victors.

"Big Parade Of 1941"

As a preliminary to the "Big Show," the Untamed Felines come to grips with the All-star "Hot Shots" at 2.30 p.m. in a star-studded contest. Having clawed their way through the circuit with only a single defeat, chalked up against them, the Wildcat, will be fielding the same line-up which gave them the gonfalon. Slab artist Thelma Collaco, who has been credited with two "no-hitters" this season, will toil on the mound, with Cynthia "Sailor" da Motta receiving in this classic scuffle, whilst the infielders will be Doris Mar, first-base; Irene "Slugger" Pereira, second-base; Lily "Sunshine" Mar, short-stop and Gloria Mar, third-base. Outfielders will be Mary Mar, Virginia Chu and Dolly Brown.

"Maple Leaf" Battery

The All-star team selected by the Association management com-

HOLIDAY SOFTBALL PROGRAMME

(All games at the K.F.C. ground)

TO-MORROW

INTERNATIONAL SERIES
(FIRST ROUND)
Portugal v Great Britain
(9.30 a.m.)
(Nip Lum, Bill Woo and George Lee)
Philippine Islands v China
(10.45 a.m.)
(Nick Beltrac, Coco Marques and Welford)
India v Canada
(12.00 noon)
(C. Grandpa, Leung, Nip Lum and Bob Laurel)

MONDAY

CHARITY EXHIBITIONS GAMES
Wildcats v Hong Kong All-stars
(League Champions)
(2.30 p.m.)
(Doe) Mollen, Nip Lum and Bob Laurel)
St. Joseph's v Stanley Mohawks
(League Champions)
(3.45 p.m.)
(C. Grandpa, Leung, Nip Lum and Bob Laurel)

mittee, include the Maple Leaf battery of Mary Ng and Dot Dour, whilst Wahoo starlets, Yvonne Yelle and Irene "Tom-boy" Castillo will be taking care of the first-base and shortstop positions, leaving Pantherette Celeste Marques guarding the middle cushion and Canuckette Alice Mar holding third-base. Gardeners will be Theresa Marques, Theresa Noronha and Betty Fitzgerald. Red-bird hurler Eleggna Babida and infielder Gladys "Grandma" Hutchinson, together with Maple Leaf third-sacker Vivian Louie will be carried as utility.

International Series

The long delayed International series will go into a flying start to-morrow when Portugal meet Great Britain in the opener at 9.30 a.m., followed by the Philippine Islands v China and the India v Canada preliminary elimination tilts. U.S.A. team drew a bye, and will not be seen in action this week.

Portugal should be able to take things easy to survive the first round against the British contingent, to meet the Stars and Stripes next week. Moundsman for Great Britain will be Sonny "Jock" Brown, who pitched the V.R.C. to the gonfalon in the juniors, but in spite of being the best finger in the second division, will find it pretty tough going against the Portuguese pine, who are doped to finish in the finals. The exact line-up for the Canadian team is not yet known, but it is understood that Denham Cray, the speediest hurler in the Senior loop, will work on the hill for them against the Indians. Although the latter surprised Portugal last year by defeating them to emerge champions, they will find Cray's fast ones pretty difficult to solve, and will not have things their own way.

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NEXT WEEK'S TENNIS

Following is the Colony tennis Championship programme for next week

TUESDAY

OPEN DOUBLES
Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui v W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher (Stand Court)
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
T. C. Monaghan v R. E. Guest (1)
CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES
Semi-Final
T. J. Gould (15/2) v J. Stirling Lee (2/6) (18)
CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES
R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (3/6) v E. R. Childe and S. L. Maughan (2/6) (3)
CLUB HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES
T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong (1/2) v C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard (4/6) (4)

WEDNESDAY

OPEN DOUBLES
Semi-Final
Ho Ka-lau and K. H. Yip v S. A. Rumball and H. D. Rumball (Stand Court)
CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES
C. H. R. Oxlade (15/2) v R. E. Guest (15/1) (7)
CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES
Semi-Final
T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (1/2) v H. J. Armstrong and P. Wynter Blyth (1/1) (18)

THURSDAY

OPEN DOUBLES
Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui v W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher v Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui (Stand Court)
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
Semi-Final
C. H. R. Oxlade v F. W. Carter (4)
T. C. Monaghan v R. E. Guest v M. Pugh (18)

FRIDAY

OPEN SINGLES
Semi-Final
H. D. Rumball v Tsui Yan-pui (Stand Court)
CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES
Semi-Final
C. H. R. Oxlade (15/2) v R. E. Guest (15/1) v G. W. Sewell (4/6) (18)
CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES
L. M. S. Lloyd and A. D. Humphreys (3/6) v R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (3/6) v E. R. Childe and S. L. Maughan (2/6) (4)

COTTAGE CLUB RIDES

The "Cottage Club" will hold organized rides for members and their friends over the Easter holidays, starting each day at 3.30 p.m.
On Easter Sunday, an impromptu tiffin will be held prior to the last meeting for the season of the Fanning Hunt.
A paper-hunt will be held next Saturday, concerning which announcements will appear in due course.

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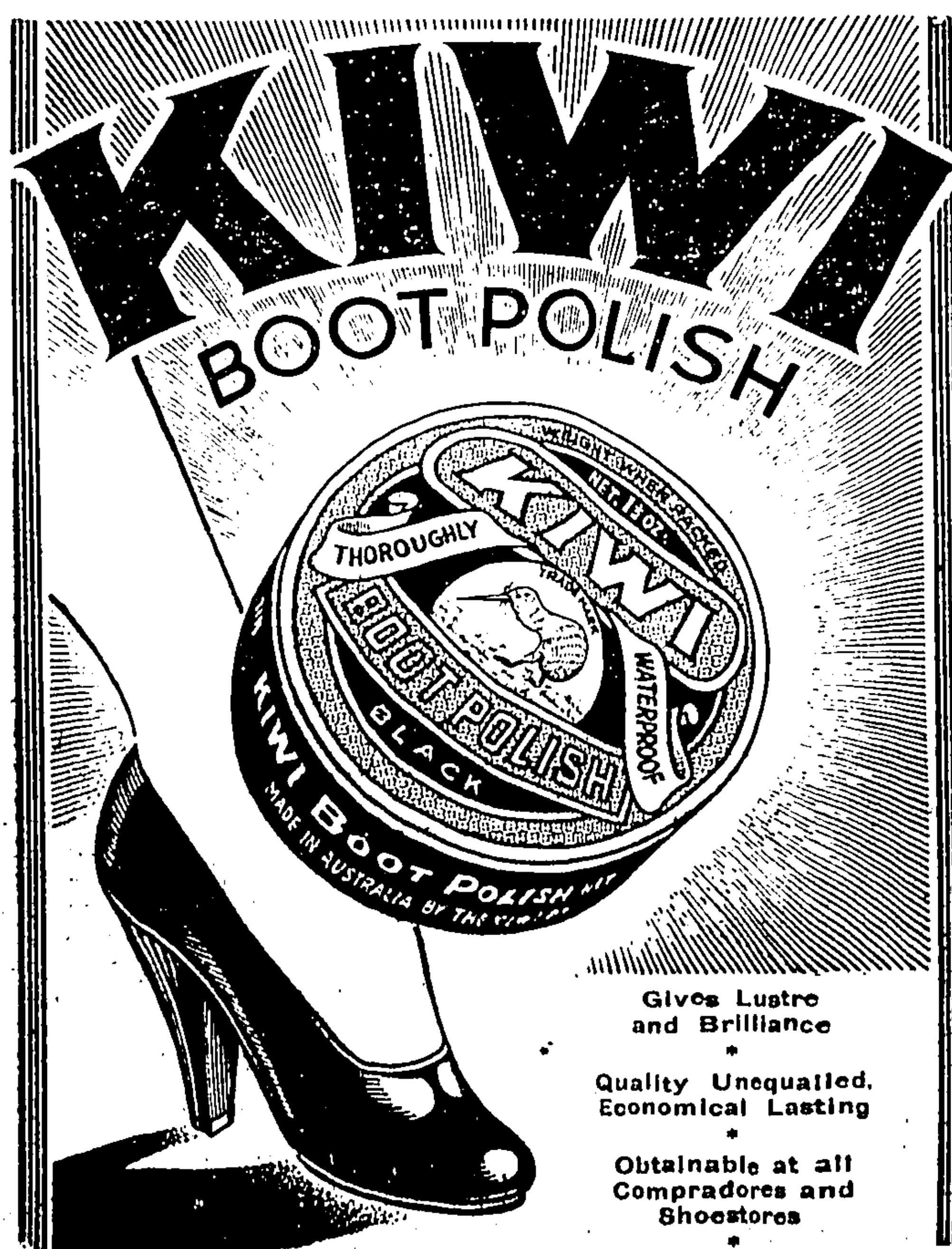
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BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

A brilliant Duck Pin Score was registered in the Alleys by E. J. Moore of U.S.S. Tulsa recently. He bagged no fewer than 151 to make him top scorer for the month.

There was no doubt that he bowled like one inspired that day, as his scores for the nine consecutive games were magnificent with 107, 84, 141, 102, 151, 95, 104, and 143, making an aggregate of 1028 or an average of 114.2 pins per game.

It is all the more remarkable as he is not a Duck Pin player, and I doubt if he had played more than two or three games before.

He is recognised in the Alleys as a Ten Pin player having played for his Ship's Team since January 1940. This proves my previous remarks in earlier Jottings that it is not impossible for a good Ten Pin player to become a good Duck Pin player.

I have noticed lately, a tendency for most players, to play both games. They may start with Ten Pins but invariably finish up with Duck Pins, or vice versa. As a matter of fact many members of the Services used to think that Duck Pins was a "Sissy" game only fit for Lady players, but they have since found out that it is not such an easy game that it appears to be, and is becoming more popular from day to day.

A few days ago all seven Alleys were playing Duck Pins.

I believe that Duck Pins actually came into popularity in these Alleys with the advent of Vase, Dreves etc., and their "Tulsa" team, for before their matches with the Mindanao Duck Pin team, Duck Pin games were few and far between.

Another brilliant Duck Pin score was registered on Monday by George Roach, his effort being 152, one more pin than Moore's of last month. To make this score Roach registered six spares and one strike, his average over 10 consecutive games being 109.6.

An interesting three game Ten Pin match was played on April 2, between American Civilians of American President Lines and Chase Bank. I believe that the match was arranged in the nature of a trout, because both Hongs are contemplating entering team in the Ewo League, which is just about to commence.

On this occasion the American President Lines won by a comfortable margin of 135 pins. Hearner, for American President Lines, scored a brilliant 596 or an average of 198.6 pins per game, another four pins would have made him exactly 200 pins per game.

His average would have been much better had he not failed on his third game to make a poor score of 161, after netting 213 on his first game and 222 on his second game.

Williams, for Chase Bank, was second top scorer with 459, the third in order of scoring was D. L. Ballantyne who registered 393. The match was a very enjoyable one, judging by the friendly "razzing" of both teams.

Probably the most interesting and keenly contested tournament that was ever played off in these Alleys was the U.S.S. Tulsa inter-divisional Duck Pin Tournament played on December last year.

On that occasion the ship entered seven Duck Pin Teams, comprising the first second, fourth, seventh Divisions, one team of Officers, and one team of Petty Officers. In all it took twelve days to complete the tournament.

On that occasion the fifth Division won with a total pinnage of 6794 or an average of 94.36 pins per player.

I would very much like to see another tournament run on similar lines as the last one.

ARMY RUGBY SEVEN-A-SIDES TO-DAY

The Army's Seven-a-Side Rugby Tournament will be concluded this afternoon when the quarter-finals and subsequent rounds will be played.

Royal Engineers "A" who are favourites for the Title for the second year in succession meet Medical Corps in the Quarter Finals and this should be one of the best games of the tournament.

Following is the draw for the quarter-final round:

5th A.A. "A" v 5th A.A. R.A. Signals
5th A.A. "B" v Royal Scots
5th A.A. "C" v Engineers "B"
Engineers "A" v Medical Corps

1941 FORM GUIDE

Following is a complete survey of racing at the Valley this year, giving the time, first three ponies, their jockeys and weights, won by and when A.M. stands for Annual Meeting, and 1 or 2 means first or second day. E.I. represents First Extra Race Meeting, etc.

AUSTRALIAN PONIES "A" CLASS

1 MILE 171 YARDS
153 Sapper (Davis, 159) Record, 2. Distant View (Ph, 152), 3. Viceroy (Black, 140) 2½ lengths and 1½ lengths E 2

AUSTRALIAN GRIFFINS, 1941

HALF MILE & 170 YARDS
101.1 Distant View (Ph, 152), 2. Fleetwing (Poy, 152), 3. Misty View (Botelho, 152) 5 and 2 A.M.3

102.0 Starlight (Moller, 152), 2. Nomine Poenae (Chao, 152), 3. Hascossay (Davis, 152) ½ and short head A.M.4

102.2 Gloaming (Poy, 152), 2. Hascossay (Davis, 152), 3. Locust Stand (Sokoloff, 152) 3 and short head A.M.5

6 FURLONGS
116 Vanity Fair (Wei, 159), 2. Many Thanks (Ph, 159), 3. Cuffel (Black, 149) Short head and a head E 2

110.4 Moonlight (Wei, 142) Happy Returns (Chao, 151), 3. Pampinickel (Ph, 152) Many lengths and a neck E 2

110.2 Distant View (Ph, 152), 2. Viceroy (Sokoloff, 152), 3. Starlight (Moller, 152) 3 and 5 A.M.1

ONE MILE
148.3 A Luxurious Time (Hearne, 152), 2. Prairie View (Ph, 152), 3. National Courage (Tao, 152) 3 and 2 A.M.5

150.3 Mainsail (Black, 152), 2. A Rosy Time (Hearne, 149), 3. The Koala Bear (Tang, 152) 5 and ½ A.M.5

151.0 A Happy Time (Holden, 152), 2. Fleetwing (Poy, 152), 3. Coloona (Black, 152) 5 and short head A.M.1

155 Starlight (Wei, 147), 2. Coloona (Black, 152), 3. Mountain View (Botelho, 145) Half length and a neck

200.3 Fleetwing (Poy, 152), Starlight (Moller, 152), 3. Mountain View (Ph, 152), 3 and 1 A.M.2

1½ MILES
219.3 Coloona (Black, 152), 2. Oracle (Needa, 149), 3. Prairie View (Ph, 152) Short head and 3 A.M.3

219.4 First Love (Liang, 152), 2. Prairie View (Ph, 152), 3. Marsh Warbler (Black, 152) 3 and short head A.M.1

1½ MILES
254.1 Distant View (Ph, 152), 2. Oracle (Needa, 151), 3. First Love (Liang, 152) Many and 3 A.M.2

1½ MILES
325.1 Marsh Warbler (Black, 152), 2. Mountain View (Ph, 152), 3. National Courage (Tao, 152) 2½ and many A.M.4

AUSTRALIAN SUBS, 1941

HALF MILE
51.1 Moonlight (Noodt, 149), 2. Bona Vacantia (Sokoloff, 152), 3. Fresh Air (Ip Kui-ying, 149) 2 and short head A.M.2

54.1 Bendemeer (Needa, 152), 2. Royal Sovereign (Noodt, 152), 3. Newborn Star (Craven, 152) 2 and 4 A.M.2

6 FURLONGS
118.4—United Express (Ip Kui-ying, 152), 2. Fresh Air (Woo, 149), 3. Newborn Star (Craven, 152) 5 and ½ A.M.1

119.4—Amulet Star (Craven, 152), 2. Black Seal (Chao, 152), 3. A Surprising Time (Holden, 152) Neck and short head A.M.1

119.4—National Welfare (Tao, 152), 2. Happy Returns (Wei, 149), 3. Vitamin M. (Black, 152) Head and head A.M.1

120.2 Maple Leaf (Noodt, 149), 2. Optima Fide (Sokoloff, 152), 3. Fresh Air (Needa, 149) 1½ and 3 A.M.3

147.4—Corsair (Botelho, 149), 2. Bona Vacantia (Lee, 152), 3. Daylight (Wei, 152), 2 and 3 E.I.

147.4—Optima Fide (Chao, 152), 2. Sydney Lady (Hearne, 152), 3. A Rosy Time (Black, 149) Half length and a neck E.I.

144.0—Oracle (Needa, 150), Nomine Poenae (Chao, 152), 3. Prairie View (Ph, 152) 1½ and 6 E.I. (Record)

144.2—Connie (Chao, 151), 2. Devonian (Black, 142), 3. Rowan (Hearne, 150), 2 and a neck E.I.

146.1—Black Seal (Needa, 152), 2. The Koala Bear (Tang, 152), 3. Bendigo (Black, 152) Half-length and 1½ length E.I.

144.3—Shuttlecock (Black, 139), 2. Venus Bay (Needa, 159), 3. Cockleroi (Davis, 138) A neck and 3 E.I.

ONE MILE
148.0—Manhattan (Hearne, 140), 3. Jus Gentium (Sokoloff, 150), 3. Endeavour (Wei, 152) 4 and 3 A.M.1

148.0—Endeavour (Moller, 152), 2. Mainsail (Yuen, 152), 3. A Surprising Time (Black, 152) 1½ and 4 A.M.4

149.2—Jus Gentium (Black, 149), 2. Snow White (Ph, 149), 3. Seal River (Hearne, 149) 2 and 3 E.I.

RAPIER'S SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY

Race No. 1
WONDERFUL SCHEME
ODEON
EVE OF DECEPTION
Outsider:—Night Express.

Race No. 2
STARLIGHT
GLOAMING
CONNIEBER
Outsider:—A Happy Time.

Race No. 3
HASCOSAY
LOCUS STANDI
MISTY VIEW
Outsider:—Gay Fox.

Race No. 4
HOOLAT BAY
ROSE-QUEEN
EVE OF HUNTING
Outsider:—Strathbannock.

Race No. 5
DAYLIGHT
SNOW WHITE
A ROSY TIME
Outsider:—Royal Sovereign.

Race No. 6
BAFFIN BAY
AUSTRALIAN DIAMOND
BRUTUS
Outsider:—Brown Derby.

Race No. 7
SUNLIGHT VIEW
PORTRUSH
SYLVANDALE
Outsider:—West Lake.

Race No. 8
FRESH AIR
NEWBORN STAR
TOBACCOSHIP
Outsider:—Gold Rod.

Race No. 9
JOHNBER
SAM'S CHOICE
HILLSBORO BAY
Outsider:—Charlesber.

Race No. 10
MAINSAIL
JUS GENTIUM
HAPPY RETURNS
Outsider:—Santa-Anita.

Race No. 11
EVE OF REASON
ROSE EMILY
HUGHBER
Outsider:—Galaxy.

Race No. 12
ROWAN
SPRINGHURST
VIXEN TOR
Outsider:—Devonian.

DAILY DOUBLE: DAYLIGHT and SUNLIGHT VIEW

151.0 A Surprising Time (Black, 152), 2. Black Seal (Moller, 152), 3. Corsair (Botelho, 149) 3 and 3 A.M.5

152.0 United Express (Ip Kui-ying, 152), 2. Tien Tien (Sung, 150), 3. Casino (Tang Man-wa, 149) Many and 2 A.M.2

153.0 Lex Fori (Sokoloff, 152), 2. Sydney Lady (Hearne, 152), 3. Bugle (Moller, 149) 1½ and 1½ A.M.4

1 MILE 171 YARDS
2.00.0—Dutch Treat (Botelho, 152), 2. Black Seal (Chao, 152), 3. Bugle (Wei, 149) Short head and ½ A.M.2

2.02.2—Happy Returns (Chao, 149), 2. Santa-Anita (Liang, 152), 3. Sydney Lady (Hearne, 152) 1 and 2 A.M.3

1½ MILES
2.22.2—King's Flight (Needa, 152), 2. Lex Fori (Sokoloff, 152), 3. Bugle (Moller, 149) 4 and 1½ A.M.3

2.30.2—Santa-Anita (Liang, 153), 2. King's Flight (Needa, 153), 3. Corsair (Botelho, 150) 3 and 2 A.M.2

1½ MILES
2.49.0—United Express (Ip, 152), 2. Endeavour (Moller, 152), 3. Jus Gentium (Sokoloff, 150) 1½ and ½ A.M.3

TWO MILES
3.55.1—Never-Never (Black, 152), 2. Santa-Anita (Liang, 152), 3. Corsair (Botelho, 149) 2 and many A.M.4

AUSTRALIAN OLD PONIES

6 FURLONGS
1.10.0—Viceroy (Black, 147), 2. Far View (Ph, 139), 3. Brown Derby (Treverton, 135) Head and short head A.M.3

ONE MILE
1.46.2—Sapper (Davis, 159), 2. Far View (Ph, 150), 3. Viceroy (Black, 152) 5 and 2½ A.M.1

1.50.3—Catterick Bridge (Chao, 140), 2. Venus Bay (Needa, 150), 3. Cheerful Star (Tao, 154) ½ and 1 A.M.3

1.52.2—Longdon (Noodt, 135), 2. Roofly (Needa, 159), 3. A Good Time (Chang, 135) 5 and 2 A.M.4

1.50.0—Many Thanks (Hearne, 159), 2. Vixen Tor (Noodt, 147), 3. Pumpernickel (Tao, 153) Many and 4 A.M.2

1 MILE 171 YARDS
159.1 Fair Chance (Wei, 146), 2. Springhurst (Poy, 140), 3. Vixen Tor (Noodt, 143) 1½ and short head A.M.1

TWO MILES
3.39.1 Endeavour (Wei, 145), 2. Australian Diamond (Chang, 150), 3. Viceroy (Black, 154) 4 and 3 E.I.

3.51.4 Brutus (Treverton, 135), 2. Springhurst (Poy, 149), 3. Connieber (Chang, 149) 3 and ½ A.M.4

3.54.3 Centre Court (Noodt, 146), 2. Venus Bay (Needa, 159), 3. Colorado Star (Davis, 139) 1½ and many A.M.5

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

1½ MILES
2.17.0 Sapper (Davis, 152), 2. Distant View (Ph, 152), 3. Viceroy (Black, 152) 3 and 5 A.M.4

2.18.1 United Express (Ip Kui-ying, 152), 2. Jus Gentium (Sokoloff, 150), 3. Happy Returns (Chao, 151) 3 and ½ A.M.5

NEW CHINA PONIES

ABOUT HALF-MILE 171 YARDS
1.06.2 Lancashire Lass (R. K. C. Chiu, 144), 2. Jennifer (Coppin, 152), 3. King Kong (Hoo Pak-ming, 147) 3 and a neck E 2

1.08.3 Galveston Bay (Yui, 145), 2. Musketeer (Hoo Pak-ming, 139), 3. Emergency Unit (S. W. Lee, 142) Half length and four lengths E 2

6 FURLONGS
1.23.3 Oolong (Needa, 152), 2. Lovelight (Noodt, 152), 3. Palber (Chao, 152) 3 and 4 A.M.1

1.24.4 Charlesber (Chao, 152), 2. Iron Beauty (Wei, 152), 3. Odeon (Sequeira, 152) 4 and many E 1

1.26.0 Palber (Chao, 152), 2. Sam's Choice (Black, 149), 3. Wonderful Scheme (Sokoloff, 152) 1 and 1 A.M.4

ONE MILE
1.56.0 Eve of Grandeur (Davis, 149), 2. Odeon (Needa, 152), 3. Night Express (Ip Kui-ying, 149) 2 and 2 E 2

1.58.1—Velvetlight (Moller, 159), 2. Oolong (Pollock, 159), 3. Charlesber (Chao, 152) ½ and many A.M.4

1.59.3—World Fair View (Ph, 152), 2. Palber (Chao, 152), 3. Sam's Choice (Black, 149) Many and head A.M.3

2.01.0 Eve of Dancing (Wood, 154), Eve of Folly (Davis, 156), Rose Jane (Botelho, 149) 2 and a head A.M.5

2.10.4 Oolong (Sokoloff, 159), 2. Velvetlight (Moller, 159), 3. Charlesber (Chao, 152) Short head and many A.M.3

1 MILE 171 YARDS
2.10.1 Sam's Choice (Black, 149), 2. Charlesber (Chao, 152), 3. Iron Beauty (Wei, 159) Short head and 3 lengths A.M.5

1½ MILES
2.41.0 Velvetlight (Moller, 152), 2. Eve of Deception (Coppin, 156), 3. Raconteur (Wei, 152) 3 and many A.M.1

1½ MILES
3.02.0 Oolong (Needa, 152), 2. Velvetlight (Moller, 152), 3. Lovelight (Noodt, 152) 1 and 6 A.M.2

OLD CHINA PONIES

1.08.0—Avon (Black, 144), 2. Rose Emily (Chiu Ki-fan, 130), 3. Hughber (Chao, 150) 3 and half-length E 2

1.22.1—Velvetlight (Wei, 159), 2. World Fair View (Ph, 149), 3. Charlesber (K. I. Ip, 142) Three-quarter lengths and 1½ lengths E 2

6 FURLONGS
1.34.3—Eve of Peace (Wood, 155), 2. Lovelystar (Fung, 159), 3. Royal Wedding Eve (Feilden, 166) 6 and many A.M.2

1 MILE
1.54.0—Racelyght (Noodt, 152), 2. Eve of Harvest (Davis, 152), 3. Spicelyght (Moller, 155) 1 and 1½ A.M.3

1.58.1—Hillsboro Bay (Needa, 152), 2. Hughber (Treverton, 138), 3. Lilliber (Chang, 143) Short head and head A.M.5

1.58.3—Conquering Time (Moller, 150), and Eve of Reason (Davis, 133), 3. Hughber (Chang, 135) Dead heat and short head A.M.2

1 MILE 171 YARDS
2.13.3—Gladiator (Chatter, 149), 2. Potentilla (Chiu Ki-fan, 149), 3. Galveston Bay (Yui, 140) ½ and 3 A.M.4

2.16.2—Eve of Peace (Coppin, 154), 2. Eve of Hunting (Davis, 155), 3. Royal Wedding Eve (Sokoloff, 159) 4 and 2½ A.M.3

1½ MILES
2.25.1—Navylight (Moller, 153), 2. Eve of Harvest (Davis, 153), 3. Confusion Bay (Needa, 159) Head and ¾ A.M.2

2.26.2—Confusion Bay (Black, 152), 2. Navylight (Moller, 152), 3. O-Lan (Needa, 149) 2 and 1 A.M.4

1½ MILES
3.20.1—O-Lan (Needa, 149), 2. Eve of Harvest (Davis, 149), 3. Burford (S. W. Tang, 152) 2 and short head A.M.1

FANLING HUNT

The Meeting of the Fanling Hunt to-morrow (Sunday) will be at Sunny Farm, near Lockmachau, and not, as previously advertised, at Kidney Hill.



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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDOY"

At Murray Barracks on Wednesday evening Royal Scots retained the Inter-Unit Team Boxing Trophy and the Governor's Trophy by defeating Middlesex by one point.

As in last year's competition the last fight of the evening was the deciding factor as both teams were on level points, 21 each. The bout between L/Cpl McGready (Royal Scots) and Drum Major Holdford (Middlesex) resulted in a win on points for McGready.

This is the second year that Holdford has fought in the last fight which has been the deciding fight.

The biggest upset of the evening was between L/Cpl McGready (Middlesex) and Cpl Cooper with the latter winning on points -- had McGready won this fight, as was expected, the title would have changed hands.

One of the best fights on the programme was in the Bantam-weight series between Pte Hope (Middlesex) and Pte Bailey (Royal Scots) with Hope winning on points. Both boxers were hard hitters and this was one of the hardest fights of the competition. Lieut. Millar (Royal Scots) put up a plucky display against Pte Moran (Middlesex) in the Heavy-weight class and at the end of the fight was well applauded and congratulated on a good fight.

In my last notes I mentioned that Royal Scots had won the competition in 1938, 1940, 1939, Royal Scots 1940, 1941.

At Sookpoo to-morrow No. 3 M.G. Company, H.K.V.D.C. have challenged Royal Engineers.

Cricket winners of the Inter-Unit cricket competition, to an all day match commencing at 11 o'clock.

This should be an interesting match with the Volunteers turning out with one of the strongest teams in the Volunteers which consists of many Kowloon Cricket Club players.

The following will represent the Royal Engineers:

L/Cpl. Shaw (Captain), Capt. F. L. Freeman, Lieut. D. Holliday, S/Sgt. Megson, S/Sgt. Samways, Sgt. Denyer, L/Cpl. Pelham, Spr. Bailey, Spr. Goss, Spr. Ratcliffe and Spr. Troop.

Umpire: Sgt. Clark
Scorer: Spr. Cooke

At Shamshupo on Wednesday, Middlesex competed against Hong Kong University in a track and field athletic meeting.

Athletics The Soldiers won all the events except the Hurdles.

This was a fine opportunity for the Middies to select their final team for the Command Athletics which take place on the April 22, 23 and 24 at the Polo ground Kowloon.

Pte. Lever bettered his throwing of the javelin by throwing it 167 ft. 11 ins.

The best event of the afternoon was the Open Half Mile which was won by L/Cpl. Heather, Middlesex, who beat Cpl. Manson (Royal Scots), his time being 2.9 3/5 secs. Cpl. Manson was only three yards behind.



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VITAL JUNIOR CRICKET MATCH

By "Adrem"

Providing the weather does not deteriorate further, Junior Division of the Cricket League will be decided at Cox's Road this afternoon, when K.C.C. entertain Craigen-gower.

Both teams have exactly the same standing in the League table and an outright win one way or the other will decide the championship.

K.C.C., on their own ground, and with Frank Goodwin and Willie Hung to act as the spearhead of their attack are favoured to win, as with these men in the team they definitely appear to be the better balanced team. Then batting, while it is more or less an unknown quantity after No. 6, is good enough as Nadar, Baxter and Goodwin are in excellent form at the moment.

Craigen-gower will rely to a great extent on the bowling of their captain, A. M. Omar, who has been the most successful bowler in Junior Division this season. Then batting, although the material is there, has been inconsistent.

The match should be a very keen one with K.C.C. just winning.

Following is the programme and some of the teams:

SECOND DIVISION

C.S.C.C. v. Police
K.C.C. v. Craigen-gower
C.S.C.C. 2nd XI v. H.E. Strang, G. Anst, V. L. Bond, P. D. Crables, G. Davidson, F. E. Lawrence, F. Lockhart, J. E. MacGowan, J. Mitchell, N. L. Smith and A. Watson
K.C.C. 2nd XI v. S. A. Gray, E. Curtis, T. A. Madar, K. M. Baxter, W. C. Hung, F. Goodwin, G. A. Goodwin, R. J. Fenton, W. L. Rapley, G. E. Taylor and H. Brokenshire
C.C.C. 2nd XI v. A. M. Omar, N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. B. Hanson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar and W. K. Way
Police v. Pope, T. R. Hunter, W. L. Clarke, H. Tyler, A. E. Carey, J. Shepherd, T. E. Hayward, H. Matches, A. Kirby, E. G. Post and G. White

U.S. JOCKEY'S WAR EFFORT CONTRIBUTION

Someone in England is going to possess one of the finest stop-watches that ever timed a thoroughbred, direct from Charlie Kurlinger, the American jockey who rode two Kentucky Derby winners.

Recently a sports columnist carried an appeal from the American Committee for the Defence of Britain Homes, asking for the donation of stop-watches and binoculars, to be used by spotters of enemy planes. The next day Kurlinger walked into the sports columnist's office. He said: "If it's stop-watches they need in England, send this one along."

The writer thanked him, said the watch would be much appreciated, and prepared to send it to the American Committee. "Think nothing of it," Charley replied.

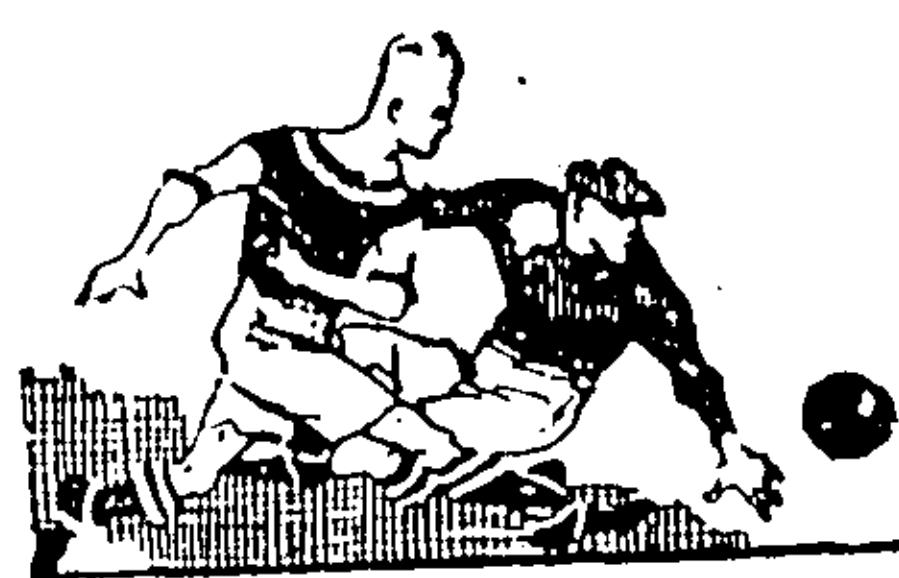
Then the writer opened the chamois bag in which was the watch. He found it to be a gold cased, twenty-jewelled timepiece. A jeweller told him later that the watch was originally worth \$600 and that even now it was worth \$350.

KOWLOON GOLF WIN

The bi-annual golf match between Kowloon Golf Club and Happy Valley was won by Kowloon.

Detailed scores are not available.

At King's Park this afternoon, Nomada Hockey Club will meet 5th A.A. "A" in the Hong-Kong Hockey Association Tournament match, commencing at 4 p.m.



WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

Following is the soccer programme for the week-end.

To-day

Senior Shield Final
South China v. Navy
(Navy ground, 4 p.m.)
First Division
Club v. Middlesex
(Club, 4.30 p.m.)
Junior Shield Final
South China v. Service Corps
(Navy ground, 2.15 p.m.)
Second Division
Middlesex v. Club
(Club, 3 p.m.)
Third Division
35th RA v. Engineers
(Stanley, 3 p.m.)

To-morrow

First Division
Police v. Royal Scots
(Boundary Street, 4.30 p.m.)
Second Division
Police v. Sing Tao
(Boundary Street, 3 p.m.)
MONDAY, APRIL 14
Exhibition Match
South China (First Division Champions) v. The Rest
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)
Third Division Championship
(Play off)
Royal Air Force v. R.C. of Signals
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)

SHIELD FINALS THIS AFTERNOON

By "Referee"

THE FINALS of the Senior and Junior Shield Competitions will be played this afternoon at Causeway Bay to-day when Service Corps, runners-up in Second Division, meet South China at 2.15 p.m. in the Junior competition and Royal Navy meet South China, last year's runners-up, in the senior competition at 4 p.m.

South China, who have won the First Division title, are all out to secure the "double" and are making no changes in their team. Tsang Chung-wan, who has been away in Manila with the Eastern team will be seen in his usual position at right back. The only doubtful starter is Chan Tak-to who sustained an arm injury some time ago. His place will probably be taken by Chin Chi-fai.

Navy will be relying on the same team which caused the big surprise in the Semi-Final when they beat Eastern, the holders.

The junior game should be well contested as both teams are evenly matched. South China will probably be without Chin Chi-fai who will be playing for the seniors. In a League game recently the teams shared two goals.

Postponed Game

Several postponed games in the three divisions will also be played this afternoon, while to-morrow Royal Scots and Police complete their First Division fixtures when they meet at Boundary Street.

On Monday the local football League season unofficially closes when South China, First Division champions, meet "The Rest" in an exhibition game at Caroline Hill.

Prior to this game the play off for the Third Division title between Royal Air Force and Royal Corps of Signals will be played.

The Teams

Following are the Shield teams:
Royal Navy: Rutter, Roughly and O'Regan, Britt, Hazard and Laylie, Paul, LePage, Hendy, Barber and Hawkins.

South China: Tam Kwan-kon, Tsang Chung-wan and Tse Kam-hung; Lau Hung-choy, Lam Tak-po and Lau Chung-sang, Chin Chi-fai, Lee Tak-kee, Lee Wai-long, Chau Man-chi and Lee Shek-yau.

South China (Juniors): Tan Suk-wing, Wong Chui-ki and Chan Sing, Chan Hoe-cheung, Leung Ping-kwan and Ho Lok-kee, Lai Chung-yu, Li Ting-shui, Chung Wing-kut, Chui Wing-kwong and Chin Chi-fai or A. N. Other.

Service Corps: Moore, Hamden and Bradshaw, Smart, Young and Hammond, Glen, Morgan, Clarke, Wei and Martin.

The Rest: Bankier (Royal Scots); Roughley (Navy), Blackburn (Police); Freshwater (Middlesex), Hsu King-shing (Eastern), Thomas (Middlesex); Fowler (Club), Fung King-cheong (Sing Tao), Hendy (Navy), Barber (Navy) and Hui Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves: Lapsley and Maxwell (Kowloon), Fraser (Royal Scots), Bright (Middlesex), Soong Ling-sing (Sing Tao), Lee Page (Navy), Howell and Ferner (Police) and Rietsen (Club).

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BATTLE-CRUISERS STRADDLED

Armour-Piercing Bombs Used On Nazi Raiders Heavy R.A.F. Attack On Brest

NAVAL UNITS AT BREST, INCLUDING THE 26,000-TON BATTLE-CRUISERS SCHARNHORST AND GNEISENAU, WERE AGAIN HEAVILY ATTACKED BY THE R.A.F. ON THURSDAY NIGHT, ACCORDING TO AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE.

Both these cruisers were seen to be straddled by bombs from several aircraft and damage was also done in the docks.

During Thursday night a number of targets in the Ruhr and Rhineland were bombed, in spite of poor weather, the principal target being Düsseldorf.

In the afternoon a small number of Blenheim bombers attacked the enemy base at Brum.

Coming in at sea level, the British aircraft achieved a complete surprise. Direct hits were observed on buildings and troops running for cover were heavily machine-gunned.

Repeatedly Straddled

From all these operations eight of our fighters are missing.

Bombs specially designed to pierce armour were used in the further raids on the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau.

Two attacks were made—one lasting about two hours before midnight and the other about 4 a.m.—and there is every reason, says the Air Ministry news ser-

vice, to believe they must have been damaging.

BOTH THE BATTLE-CRUISERS WERE VISIBLY AND WERE REPEATEDLY STRADDLED. REUTER.

CHINESE AWARD FOR J.C.J.L.

In recognition of its convenient shipping services along the China coast and between China and the Dutch East Indies, the Chinese National Government has awarded a wooden tablet to the Javan-China-Japan-Lijn.

The tablet, with an inscription of gilded Chinese characters praising the efforts of the Line for facilitating communications, was recently presented to the Company by the Chinese Consul-General in Batavia. Central News.

JAPANESE SOUTHWARD MOVES

That a Japanese move to the south will probably take place within a month, is the opinion expressed in Chinese military circles in Chungking.

When questioned in regard to the withdrawal of Japanese forces and aircraft from French Indo-China, the Chinese military spokesman replied that whether they had been transferred to Hainan or Formosa as yet was not ascertained but latest information he had received indicated an increase in the number of warships and transports off Hainan and Formosa.

No large reinforcements either of troops or aircraft had been sent to China in recent weeks, he added. REUTER.

FATSHAN HELD UP

THE SAILING OF THE S.S. FATSHAN HAS AGAIN BEEN POSTPONED, ACCORDING TO ADVICE RECEIVED IN HONG KONG FROM THE CANTON AGENTS OF THE SHIP.

Scheduled to leave for Canton to-morrow, the vessel will now not be able to do so, the Japanese authorities having extended the closure of the Pearl River "until further notice."

GERMAN FORCES REACH BRITISH DEFENCE LINES

(Continued from Page 1)

British G.O.C.

Lt.-Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Willdone is in command of the British troops in Greece, under the direction of General Papagos, Commander-in-Chief of the Greek Army, it was officially stated in London yesterday.

Sir Henry became G.O.C. British troops in Egypt in 1939. He was responsible for the defence of the Western Desert frontier during the difficult months after the collapse of France and the entry of Italy into the war.

From the beginning of December onwards he directed operations which carried the British front to Benghazi and beyond.

After the capture of Benghazi, Sir Henry was appointed G.O.C. British troops Cyrenaica and Military Governor of that province.

British and Australian sapper and R.A.S.C. drivers have been assisting in the evacuation of Salonika up to the moment of the German entry.

Answering a Greek S.O.S., British drivers went as far as Yevyella to bring back wounded, often under withering machine-gun fire.

One British heavy lorry deliberately rammed a German light tank, leaving it a total wreck.

Sappers methodically blew up bridges, and destroyed oil dumps and stores, at last leaving the city only when the Germans were actually entering.

All British residents and British stores were already evacuated safely.

R.A.F. Busy

Contending against very bad weather, R.A.F. bombers and fighters maintained their offensive action against the Germans in northern Greece and southern Yugoslavia.

Many casualties were caused when fighters machine-gunned troops and trucks at Bitolj. Two large vehicles in an armoured column on the road between Florina and Prilep were directly hit. REUTER.

TOKYO INTEREST IN DEFENCE TALKS AT MANILA

THE PRESENCE OF Netherlands officials at the Manila conference of British and American defence leaders is "very conspicuous," the official spokesman admitted to a German correspondent at yesterday's press conference in Tokyo.

The spokesman, however, refused to agree to the German correspondent's suggestion of "encirclement," and said Japan was only watching with interest.

The spokesman said a Japan-Soviet trade treaty was almost ready for signature.

He added "They appear very nervous when we have no territorial design in the South Sea region, our only interest being an economic one."

Japan "Watchful"

He refused further comment, saying "We must be watchful

what our neighbours do." Asked if Mr. Matsuoka will sign the trade treaty the spokesman replied "I cannot say anything about that," but disclosed that the forthcoming agreement would be mainly based upon the barter system, with the amount of trade and kinds of interchangeable goods specified.

"We hope for big trade with the Soviet but must start with a modest volume of trade," the spokesman stated. REUTER.

STOP PRESS

Mr. Matsuoka returned to Moscow yesterday after his visit to Leningrad and resumed the conversations with M. Molotov in the evening. REUTER.

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Unconfirmed reports reaching Shanghai last night alleged that a "revolution" broke out and was subsequently quelled in Bangkok. Many pro-Japanese instigators are alleged to have been arrested. Details are lacking and no confirmation of the reports was obtainable. REUTER.

The Nazi advance on Belgrade is proceeding from captured Nish, in Central Yugoslavia, said Lyons radio last night.

Other German troops are reported to be moving towards Lubljanka to link up with Italian forces that have invaded north-western Yugoslavia. REUTER.

A decomposed body, believed to be of a European, was found floating yesterday afternoon near Lantau Island by a Water Police patrol.

With the exception of a cotton singlet the body was entirely nude.

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